

FEDERAL CONFIDENTIALITY LAW

A/D student = a student who is protected by the federal confidentiality law because he/she has identified himself/herself as an alcohol/drug abuser during a private conference or support group session.

1. If the A/D student is in need of outside help, we will work with the student to sign an Alcohol/Drug release form to discuss this with parents. This form would also be used to disclose to treatment agencies, police, probation officers, etc. with both student's and parent's signatures.
2. If a student appears to be in imminent danger because of his/her alcohol/drug use and refuses to sign a release form, the Health Team will make a decision about whether to contact parents anyway.
3. If we suspect a student is harmfully involved with alcohol/drug use because of observable behavior, etc. we may decide to arrange a parent conference to gather further information before privately discussing this issue with the student.
4. If another agency requests information about an A/D student, we will ask for a copy of their release form or we will get the student's and parent's signatures on an alcohol/drug release form before we disclose any information that identifies that student as an alcohol/drug abuser.
5. MVS staff members who are in a position to offer assistance to an A/D student should be informed about the prohibition of re-disclosure outside of "team" members engaged in getting help for that student.
6. The prohibition on a re-disclosure statement should accompany any written records identifying a student as an alcohol/drug abuser that is sent to outside agencies.