

A professional development offering for: K-12 Principals, Assistant Principals, Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Support Staff, and Guidance Counselors



Legal Aspects of Confidentiality



Featuring Presenter

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at the MSAA Office, Franklin

Sign-In/Registration: 8:30 am to 9:00 am

Workshop: 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Fees: Member \$195/Non-Member \$260

5 Professional Development Hours

PD Content Area: *Leadership/Administration*

Administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, and support staff work with student records on a daily basis but often do not understand the finer points of privacy and disclosure. The focus of this workshop is to clarify the myriad of student record laws and confidentiality requirements that impact school operations. Public records laws, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), state student records laws and regulations, guide schools on what information must be provided to parents. These laws also describe what information is to be considered confidential and when schools may disclose information to a third party without the consent of the parent or student. This session will also include recommendations for communicating with parents in order to keep them informed while at the same time, respecting confidentiality obligations. The content of this workshop will feature the most important developments from school law that has been introduced in the previous 12 months both in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well as across the nation.

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