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<p data-bbox="256 262 315 294"><u>646.</u></p> <p data-bbox="228 327 347 359">Statement</p> <p data-bbox="185 531 391 594">Student Requests Confidentiality</p> <p data-bbox="180 800 396 831">Serious Situations</p> <p data-bbox="175 1304 401 1335">Contacting Parents</p> <p data-bbox="228 1503 347 1535">IEP Plans</p> <p data-bbox="193 1604 378 1635">Adopted 6/1/94</p>	<p data-bbox="448 262 1438 384">The Shrewsbury School Committee recognizes and encourages the strengthening bond of a home-school alliance in endeavoring to provide a safe, health, academically and socially rich experience for its students. To sustain this alliance with the home, there must be meaningful communication from both parties, thus creating a support system for the student.</p> <p data-bbox="448 453 1455 575">The Shrewsbury School Committee also recognizes that there must be a balance between the students' need for confidentiality and the parent's need to be informed of incidents or situations which involve his/her child in any serious way. In all situations where a student has requested confidentiality, school personnel receiving such a request will:</p> <ol data-bbox="488 611 1425 701" style="list-style-type: none"> 1. assess the nature and seriousness of the situation 2. seek the assistance of trained counselors or other appropriate personnel 3. strongly advise the student to communicate with his/her parent or with a trusted adult. <p data-bbox="448 737 1390 795">It is recognized that only school psychologists have the strict legal protection in cases of student confidentiality.</p> <p data-bbox="448 831 1422 924">In circumstances deemed serious by the building administrator, nurse, teacher or counselor, said adult will inform the student and contact the parent(s)/guardian(s). Situations deemed serious include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol data-bbox="488 959 1446 1178" style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the student's being judged to be a threat to himself or to others 2. the student's being ill or injured 3. the counselor's, teacher's, or building administrator's judgment that the parent/guardian needs to seek other professional services 4. the building administrator's judgment that suspension or expulsion is necessary 5. problems related to substance abuse 6. students manifesting a pattern of behavior that requires the joint cooperation of <p data-bbox="448 1247 1385 1306">If there is a pattern of student behavior deemed not serious that requires attention by the principal and/or counselor, the parent(s) will be notified.</p> <p data-bbox="448 1325 1455 1407">If a teacher is reluctant to contact the parent(s), a counselor and an administrator will be consulted on the advisability of contacting the parent(s). In all cases, students will be strongly advised to communicate with the parent(s), guardian(s), or other trusted adult.</p> <p data-bbox="448 1434 1417 1486">In cases where an individual educational plan or similar individualized agreement provides specific notification requirements, those requirements will be complied with.</p>	