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<p data-bbox="256 262 316 294"><u>646.</u></p> <p data-bbox="227 325 349 357">Statement</p> <p data-bbox="186 525 389 598">Student Requests Confidentiality</p> <p data-bbox="178 787 397 829">Serious Situations</p> <p data-bbox="170 1291 406 1333">Contacting Parents</p> <p data-bbox="227 1501 349 1533">IEP Plans</p> <p data-bbox="186 1596 389 1627">Adopted 6/1/94</p>	<p data-bbox="446 252 1445 388">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="446 441 1453 577">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="479 598 1429 703" 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="446 724 1396 798">It is recognized that only school psychologists have the strict legal protection in cases of student confidentiality.</p> <p data-bbox="446 819 1429 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="479 945 1453 1186" 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="446 1228 1388 1302">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="446 1312 1453 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="446 1417 1421 1491">In cases where an individual educational plan or similar individualized agreement provides specific notification requirements, those requirements will be complied with.</p>	