

Sample Scenarios for Principle 5: Confidentiality

Directions: The following scenarios help ensure understanding of the Code of Conduct Principle 5 and illustrate common situations that educators might find themselves in when professional conduct comes into question. Read the following scenarios with a partner and discuss whether each educator upheld the fundamental principles outlined in the Licensure Code of Professional Conduct for Ohio Educators. If not, identify steps the educator could have taken to mitigate risks.

Scenario 1

- A community organization has decided to create a program that sends food home on the weekends for in-need students. The director at the program asks her best friend, the school counselor, to provide a list of students that receive free or reduced lunches so that they can make sure the bags go home with the kids who need them most. Since it's easy for her to access the information, the counselor prints off the list and gives it to her friend, but tells her she can't share it with anyone.

Scenario 2

- A classroom teacher takes pictures of her students' learning throughout the week and posts them to a website that is specifically for parents of students in his class.

Scenario 3

- While monitoring the state assessment, a testing coordinator reads several test questions. During lunch, the testing coordinator shares these questions with other educators. Overhearing this, another teacher uses this information to plan a review session of these content standards with her own students since they haven't taken the test yet.