

Procedure on Handling Possible Ethical Breaches  
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Consistent with the policies of the University and the ethical codes of the National Association of School Psychologists, in the event that a student observes or becomes aware of a possible ethical breach by a colleague student or anyone associated with the Department or School Psychology Program through first-hand information, either or both of the following two options must be chosen:

1. Address the concern directly to the offending person by making him/her aware of the ethical problem;
2. Notify one of the following: the faculty member of the class in which the violation occurred, the Department Chairperson, the Graduate Program Director, the student's faculty adviser, or a faculty ombudsman who has been designated to address such concerns (if available). (N.B. Anonymity cannot be guaranteed with this option.)

If the first option is selected and the offending person persists in the possible ethical breach, the second option must be followed.

It should be noted that ethical breaches that pose harm to another person (e.g., child abuse) may fall under mandated reporting statutes and must be reported to the Department Chairperson or the Graduate Program Director.