

Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

It is the desire of the Board of Education to cooperate fully with all law enforcement agencies. One of the primary objectives of an education is to produce responsible citizens who will respect the rights of other persons and the property belonging to others. Police departments exist to protect these personal and property rights of all citizens. Consistent with personal rights and freedoms, schools have a responsibility to see that the personal rights guaranteed each citizen of the United States are not violated because police wish to interrogate a pupil during school hours.

When law enforcement officials find it necessary to interview a student on school premises, the school principal or his/her designee will bring the student(s) to the office or suitable private room to meet the law enforcement officer. The principal or his/her designee should exert reasonable efforts to contact the parent or guardian and have the parent or guardian in attendance for the conference. If the parent or guardian cannot be present for the conferences, then the principal or his/her designee should be present throughout the investigation.

Student suspected on non-school related incidents, and such incidents appear to be non-serious in nature which have occurred outside of school time, and for which school authorities have not summoned the police, shall be interviewed after school hours, away from the school. In all cases of interviews involving minors, the police officer shall notify the parent or guardian.

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