

Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

School- Law Enforcement Liaison Program

1. The superintendent or designee will serve as the program coordinator for the district's School- Law Enforcement Liaison Program.
2. Each year the administration will meet with law enforcement officials to discuss:
 - a. Whom the school/law enforcement official should call for suspected violations of the law occurring on district property or other common needs;
 - b. How school representatives should handle evidence of a suspected crime/contraband, etc.;
 - c. Board policy and procedures related to law enforcement officials' requests for access to and questioning of students on district property and district parent notification requirements;
 - d. Applicable provisions of district emergency plans and security procedures;
 - e. Special event needs.
3. District curriculum will be reviewed annually to include K-12 age-appropriate instruction in safety, violence prevention/conflict resolution and citizenship to increase students' awareness of their rights and responsibilities within society. Instruction will emphasize prevention.

Law Enforcement Initiated Requests

1. Interviews/Investigations of Students
 - a. Interviews or investigations by law enforcement officials not based on allegations of abuse of a child, a warrant for an arrest or search or probable cause that an illegal act or crime is occurring or has been committed on district property, may be permitted upon request and with principal or designee approval.
 - b. The law enforcement official shall contact the administrators and/or designee(s), properly identify himself/herself, inform the administrators and/or designee(s) of the nature of the investigation and provide the name of the student to be interviewed.
 - c. The administrators and/or designee(s) shall verify and record the identity of the law enforcement official or other authority.
 - d. Requests to interview a student during school hours should be, in the opinion of the administrators and/or designee(s), important and urgent to justify interrupting school activities.
 - e. The administrators and/or designee(s) will attempt to notify the student's parent(s) prior to granting the interview.
 - f. If the parent(s) cannot be contacted, the administrators and/or designee(s) may grant permission for the questioning to proceed if the student agrees to be interviewed or in the event of compelling emergency circumstances.

- g. If the administrators and/or designee(s) has been unable to contact the parent(s) then the administrators and/or designee(s) shall make a reasonable attempt to follow up with the parent(s) as soon as possible after the interview.
 - h. All such interviews shall be conducted in privacy, out of the view of staff, students and others.
 - i. An administrator and/or designee(s) shall be present at all times during the interview unless;
 - (1) The student's parent(s) is present or can be reached and asks the administrators and/or designee(s) not to participate,
 - (2) The district official is otherwise prohibited from being present by law.
 - j. The administrator and/or designee(s) shall maintain a written record of all such interviews conducted.
2. Questioning of a Student Suspected of a Crime, Arrest or Taking a Student into Custody
- a. When a student is a suspect in a criminal act and is to be questioned by a law enforcement official for the purpose of establishing involvement in the act, questioning will be allowed on district property under exigent circumstances. School officials will notify parents. Normally, such questioning should occur outside school hours, off district property.
 - b. At no time will a student be released to an officer without one of the following:
 - (1) A warrant;
 - (2) A court order;
 - (3) Arrest;
 - (4) Protective custody resulting from abuse of a child investigation;
 - (5) Permission of the parent.
 - c. In all cases, other than abuse of a child cases, where a student is to be taken from the building by a law enforcement official, the administrators and/or designee(s) will verify the official's identity and will notify the student's parent(s). Law enforcement officials have the primary responsibility for notifying the parent(s) in such instances.
 - d. Any investigation of abuse of a child will be directed by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Community Human Services, or law enforcement officials as required by law. The administrators and/or designee(s) will request documentation from the investigating official demonstrating that the official has a warrant, a court order, exigent circumstances or parental consent to conduct the interview. If the investigating official does not have this documentation, the administrator or designee may deny the official's request to interview the student on school property. The administrators and/or designee(s) may be present at the interview of the student at the discretion of the investigating official. When the subject matter of the interview or investigation involves abuse of a child, administrators and/or designee(s) and school employees shall not notify the parent.

Administrator or designee-Initiated Requests

On occasion, administrators and/or designee(s) may need, or be required to seek law enforcement assistance. Any student violation of the district's weapons policy shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Abuse of a child also requires immediate referral to the Oregon Department of Human Services, Community Human Services, or law enforcement officials. Additionally, administrators and/or designee(s) may report to law enforcement officials other violations of law occurring on district property or at school-sponsored activities, as deemed appropriate. Administrators and/or designee(s) may request law enforcement presence during school initiated investigations.