

Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

Law Enforcement Initiated Requests

Interviews/Investigations of Students

1. Interviews or investigations by law enforcement officials not based on allegations of child abuse, 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 to the principal or designee. Requests to interview a student during school hours should be, in the opinion of the administrator, important and urgent to justify interrupting school activities. The administrator may request that the student be interviewed during non school hours.
2. The law enforcement official shall contact the administrator, properly identify himself/herself, inform the administrator of the nature of the investigation and provide the name of the student to be interviewed.
3. The administrator shall verify and record the identity of the law enforcement official or other authority.
4. The administrator will attempt to notify the student's parent(s) prior to granting the interview. If law enforcement directs the administrator not to contact the parent(s) prior to the interview the administrator will document that directive.
5. If the parent(s) cannot be contacted or law enforcement has directed the administrator not to contact parent(s), the administrator may grant permission for the questioning to proceed if the student agrees to be interviewed or in the event of compelling emergency circumstances.
6. If the administrator has been unable to contact the parent(s) and law enforcement did not direct the administrator not to contact parents(s), then the administrator shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent(s) as soon as possible after the interview.
7. All such interviews shall be conducted in privacy, out of the view of staff, students and others.
8. A administrator shall be present at all times during the interview unless the student's parent(s) is present and asks the administrator not to participate or the district official is otherwise prohibited from being present by law.
9. The administrator shall maintain a written record of all such interviews conducted.

Questioning of a Student Suspected of a Crime, Arrest or Taking a Student into Custody

1. 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 only with parental consent unless otherwise directed by law enforcement. Normally, such questioning should occur outside school hours, off district property.
2. At no time will a student be released to an officer without one of the following:
 - a. A warrant;
 - b. A court order;
 - c. Arrest;
 - d. Protective custody resulting from child abuse investigation;
 - e. Permission of the parent.
3. In all cases, other than child abuse cases, where a student is to be taken from the building by a law enforcement official, the administrator will verify the official's identity and make a reasonable effort to notify the student's parent(s). Law enforcement officials have the primary responsibility for notifying the parent(s) in such instances.
4. Any investigation of child abuse will be directed by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Community Human Services, or law enforcement officials as required by law. The administrator or designee 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 child abuse, administrators and school employees shall not notify the parent.

Administrator-Initiated Requests

On occasion, principals 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. Child abuse also requires immediate referral to the Oregon Department of Human Services, Community Human Services, or law enforcement officials. Additionally, principals 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.