

## **Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies**

### **Law Enforcement Initiated Requests**

#### Interviews/Investigations of Students

1. Interviews or investigations by law enforcement officials, service of arrest warrants, or searches conducted with probable cause that an illegal act or crime is occurring or has occurred, may be permitted upon request, with principal or designee approval.
2. The law enforcement official shall contact the building 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 building administrator shall verify and record the identity of the law enforcement official or other authority.
4. Requests to interview a student during school hours should be, in the opinion of the building administrator, important and urgent to justify interrupting school activities.
5. Except as to investigations of child abuse, the building administrator will attempt to notify the student's parent(s) prior to granting the interview. If the parent(s) refuses to give consent to have his/her child interviewed, then the interview should not take place.
6. If the parent(s) cannot be contacted, the building administrator may grant permission for the questioning to proceed if the student agrees to be interviewed or in the event of compelling emergency circumstances. If the building administrator or designee is unable to reach the parent or guardian within the time the administrator deems reasonable under the circumstances, the law enforcement officials should not be delayed further.
7. Except as to investigations of child abuse, if the building administrator has been unable to contact the parent(s) then the building administrator will make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent(s) as soon as possible after the interview.
8. All such interviews will be conducted in privacy, out of the view of staff, students, and others.
9. A building administrator will 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.
10. The building administrator will 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. Normally, such questioning should occur outside school hours, off district property.
2. When a student is to be taken from the building by a law enforcement official, the building 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.

## **Child Abuse**

Any investigation of child abuse will be directed by the Oregon Department of Human Services or law enforcement officials as required by law. The building administrator or designee may be present at the interview of the student at the discretion of the interviewing official. When the subject matter of the interview or investigation involves child abuse, building administrators and school employees will not notify the parent.

## **Administrator Initiated Requests**

On occasion, building principals may need, or be required to seek law enforcement assistance. Any student violation of the district's weapons policy will 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, building 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.

Additionally, the building administrator or designee may involve a police officer in investigating violations of school policies and rules, including student interviews, without first contacting a parent. If, however, during the investigation, the student becomes a focal suspect in an investigation of a criminal act, then it is the responsibility of the principal or designee to make a reasonable effort to contact the parent or guardian before allowing an officer to proceed with the interview.