

Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

A law enforcement officer shall contact the building principal or designee prior to interviewing a student during school hours in regards to an illegal act in which the student is either a suspect or a witness.

The building principal or designee will make a reasonable effort to contact the parent or guardian when an officer comes to question or arrest a student related to illegal acts that occur off campus and is not school related unless there is reason to believe that such parental contact would unduly jeopardize the investigation or if it is related to child abuse. The interview by the officer may continue if the parent or guardian is unable to be contacted and the principal shall document the date and time of the attempt. Further attempts shall be made by the building principal as soon as possible following the interview.

The principal or designee may involve a police officer in investigating violations of school rules/or policies and may interview students without contacting parents. However, if the student becomes a suspect in an illegal act, or if consequences are to occur, the parent or guardian shall be contacted.

Law enforcement officials must observe all rights of students and use procedural safeguards as prescribed by law and the agency which they represent. An administrator will be present in the interview unless it pertains to a child abuse issue.

Students may be removed from school premises under the following conditions. The officer:

1. Has a court order;
2. Is present to arrest the student;
3. Has protective custody from DHS (Department of Human Services);
4. Has permission from the parent or guardian.