

# Morrow County School District

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## DHS/Law Enforcement Protocol for Investigation of Abuse of a Child

Any investigation of abuse of a child will be directed by the Oregon Department of Human Services or law enforcement officials as required by law. When an administrator is notified that the Department of Human Services or law enforcement would like to interview a student at school, the administrator must request that the investigating official provide the information below. Failure to meet one of the four criteria may result in the administrator's refusal to allow the student interview on district property.

When an administrator is notified that law enforcement would like to interview a student at school for the purpose of an investigation that is not related to abuse of a child, the administrator must request that the investigating official provide the information below. Failure to meet one of the five criteria may result in the administrator's refusal to allow the student interview on district property.

1.  Do you have parental consent?  
If "YES", retrieve the child. If "NO", ask if we can contact the parent for consent. If "NO", go to #2.  
Parent or guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of consent: \_\_\_\_\_
2.  Do you have a court order or warrant allowing the contact? – Attach copy.  
If "YES", retrieve the child. If "NO", go to #3.
3.  Ask the caseworker/law enforcement officer if they have exigent circumstances. (An exigent circumstance is a situation that requires law enforcement to act swiftly to prevent danger to the life or serious damage to the property, or to forestall a suspect's escape, or the destruction of evidence.)  
If "YES", retrieve the child. If "NO", and DHS is without law enforcement – DHS needs to have law enforcement present.
4.  This interview is not considered a "seizure" pursuant to state and federal law.  
If law enforcement is presents, ask them if they are directing you to retrieve the child without contacting the parents for consent.  
If "YES", retrieve the child. If "NO", then we contact the parents and obtain consent, or decline to allow the interview at school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of administrator/designee receiving form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of student to be interviewed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of interview

**Student not available for interview.**       **Student refused to be interviewed.**

When DHS and/or law enforcement wants to remove a child from school premises during regular school hours, obtain the signed acknowledgment below from the DHS or law enforcement official.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of administrator/designee receiving form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**This form should be placed in a separate file and not in the student's educational record file.**