

Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

School-Police Liaison Program

1. The public charter school executive director or designee will serve as the program coordinator for the public charter school's School-Police Liaison Program.
2. Each year the public charter school administration will meet with law enforcement officials to discuss:
 - a. Whom the public charter school/law enforcement official should call for suspected violations of the law occurring on the public charter school property or other common needs;
 - b. How public charter school representatives should handle evidence of a suspected crime/contraband, etc;
 - c. Public charter school board policy and procedures related to law enforcement officials' requests for access to and questioning of students on public charter school property and public charter school parent notification requirements;
 - d. Applicable provisions of public charter school emergency plans and security procedures;
 - e. Special event needs.
3. The public charter school curriculum will be reviewed annually to include K-12 age-appropriate instruction in safety, violence prevention/conflict resolution and citizenship to increase student's awareness of their rights and responsibilities within society. Instruction will emphasize prevention.
4. Law enforcement involvement in such public charter school programs and activities including Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) and Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) will be encouraged.
5. Active involvement of related community agencies and organizations will be encouraged in an effort to broaden the reference base in the development of public charter school programs and activities and to establish a link for sharing resources.
6. A survey may be conducted annually to evaluate the Public Charter School-Police Liaison Program and to assist with the development of the program's yearly goals and objectives.

Law Enforcement Initiated Requests

Investigations/Interviews of Students

1. Investigations or interviews 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 public charter school property, may be permitted upon request and with building principal or designee approval.

2. The law enforcement official shall contact the public charter school 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 public charter school 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. The public charter school administrator will attempt to notify the student's parent(s) prior to granting the interview. If the parent(s) does not give consent to have his/her son/daughter interviewed, then the interview should not take place.
6. If the parent(s) cannot be contacted, the public charter school 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.
7. If the public charter school building administrator has been unable to contact the parent(s) then the building administrator shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent(s) as soon as possible after the interview.
8. All such interviews shall be conducted in privacy, out of the view of staff, students and others.
9. A public charter school building 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 public charter school official is otherwise prohibited from being present by law.
10. The public charter school building administrator shall maintain a written record of all 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 the public charter school property only with parent consent. Normally, such questioning should occur outside school hours, off of public charter school property.
2. At no time will a student be released to an officer without 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 public charter school 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 (DHS) or law enforcement officials as required by law. The administrator or designee will request identification from the investigating official and require the investigating official to fill out the appropriate form. If the investigating official does not have this identification or refuses to fill out the form, the administrator may deny the official's request to interview the student on public charter school property. The administrator 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, the public charter school building administrator(s) and public charter school employees shall not notify the parent.

Administrator-Initiated Requests

On occasion, the public charter school administrator and/or designee(s) may need, or be required to seek law enforcement assistance. Any student violation of the public charter school's weapons policy shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Child abuse also requires immediate referral to the DHS or law enforcement officials.

Additionally, the public charter school administrator and/or designee(s) may report to law enforcement officials, other violations of law occurring on public charter school property or at public charter school-sponsored activities as deemed appropriate.