

Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

School Resource Officer

1. The superintendent/designee shall serve as the program coordinator for the district's School-Police Liaison Program.
2. The superintendent/designee shall meet with law enforcement officials to discuss:
 - a. Whom the school/law enforcement official should call for suspected violations of the law occurring on district property or other common needs;
 - b. How school representatives should handle evidence of a suspected crime/contraband, etc.;
 - c. Board policy and procedures related to law enforcement officials' requests for access to and questioning of students on district property and district parent notification requirements;
 - d. Applicable provisions of district emergency plans and security procedures;
 - e. Special event needs.
3. District curriculum shall be reviewed to include K-12 age-appropriate instruction in safety, violence prevention/conflict resolution and citizenship to increase students' awareness of their rights and responsibilities within society. Instruction shall emphasize prevention.

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 by a law enforcement official and with principal or designee approval.
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. Requests to interview a student during school hours shall be, in the opinion of the administrator, important and urgent to justify interrupting school activities.
4. A police officer may not interview a student at school without a warrant, court order, exigent circumstances or parental consent.

5. If the parent(s) cannot be contacted, 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 is unable to contact the parent(s), the administrator shall 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. An administrator may 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 document the date and time of any 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 shall be allowed on district property only with parental consent. Normally, such questioning shall occur outside school hours and off district property.
2. At no time shall 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 shall 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 shall 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 or designee shall request documentation from the investigating official demonstrating that the official has a warrant, a court order, exigent circumstances or parental consent to conduct the interview. Failure to meet one of these criteria may result in the administrator's refusal to allow the student interview on school property.

The administrator or designee may be present at the interview of the student at the discretion of the investigating official unless the student's parent(s) is present and asks the administrator/designee not to participate.

When the subject matter of the interview or investigation involves child abuse, administrators and school employees shall only notify the parent upon direction from the superintendent/designee.

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) shall report to law enforcement officials, other violations of law occurring on district property or at school-sponsored activities, as deemed appropriate.