

## **Law Enforcement Officials Communication With Students**

It is the purpose and intention of the school administration to render assistance and cooperation to law enforcement officers in every way, consistent with our responsibilities as school administrators.

The following rules for contacting students by police are designed to eliminate misunderstandings:

Before contacting students at school, the police are requested to:

- a. Phone or visit the principal to state the name of student;
- b. State the reason for the visit;
- c. Tell whether parents have been contacted;
- d. Tell the time police will arrive.

When law enforcement officials find it necessary to question students during the school day or during periods of extracurricular activities, the school principal or designee will be present when possible, subject to the direction of the police officer. An effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian or custodian so that the responsible adult may be notified of the situation.

If the responsible adult party is not able to be reached at the time the questioning occurs, the police officer may proceed with the questioning, and notification to the parent/guardian or custodian shall occur after the questioning as soon as is practical. The student shall be informed of the reason they are being asked to participate in the questioning, and that prior to the questioning they may choose to refuse to participate at this time until a parent/guardian or custodian can be contacted.

The North Santiam School District has a cooperative agreement with the Stayton Police Department in which a police resource officer works with the schools for law enforcement and school security. It is the goal to develop an environment in the school setting in which the police resource officer and the student body have positive and comfortable interactions. The outcome of the presence of the police resource officer and their interactions with students and staff is to have a more safe and secure learning environment.

With the knowledge and consent of school administrators, the police resource officer may participate in questioning, discussions, and exchange of information with students on matters of law enforcement and security pertinent to the District and its students without notification to parents, except when the student is suspected to be involved in a violation of law. In such cases, the school principal or designee will be present when possible and an effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian/custodian so that the responsible adult may be notified of the situation.

In all cases where a student is taken from the building by a law enforcement officer, the administrator will make a reasonable effort to notify the student's parent or guardian. Law enforcement personnel have the primary responsibility for notifying parents and for complying with all rules and regulations regarding the handling of juveniles.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

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ORS 332.107

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