

### **Cooperation With Law Enforcement Agencies**

District staff shall make every effort to cooperate with law enforcement agencies with special procedures established under Board policy for the reporting and handling of child abuse cases. In order to protect the rights of the students, and discharge the responsibility of the school, the following procedures shall be utilized:

1. **Obligation of Law Enforcement Agencies.** Prior to contacting students at school, the law enforcement agencies are requested to first phone or visit the principal to state the name of the student; the reason for the contact; and the time scheduled for the contact. The principal or his/her designee shall immediately attempt to notify parents or guardians by telephone prior to interview or removal of the student from school, unless advised by differently by Services to Children and Families or law officials.
2. **Removal of Student from School.** If a police officer wishes to remove a student from school premises and take the student into custody, the officer must notify the principal or designee.. Students shall generally not be released from school unless the student has been placed under arrest by the police.
3. **Interview at School.** If the student is to be interviewed at the school, the principal or designee shall make a conference space available for the interview. A representative of the school shall be present during the interview in the event that a parent or guardian of the child is not available, unless given different direction from a law official or an employee of Services to Children and Families. 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.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

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