

**North Wasco County  
School District 21**

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**Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies\*\***

**Request to Interview a Student or to Conduct an Investigation by Law Enforcement (Other Investigations)**

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 district property, may be permitted upon request and with building principal or designee approval.
2. The law enforcement official shall contact the building administrator, provide adequate identification, inform the administrator of the nature of the investigation and provide the name of the student to be interviewed.
3. The building administrator or designee 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 or designee, important and urgent to justify interrupting school activities.
5. The building administrator or designee 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 building administrator or designee 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 building administrator or designee has been unable to contact the parent(s) then the building administrator or designee 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 building administrator or designee shall be present at all times during the interview unless the student's parent(s) is present and asks the administrator or designee not to participate or the district official is otherwise prohibited from being present by law.
10. The building administrator or designee 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 district property only with parent consent. Normally, such questioning should occur outside school hours, off district property.
2. At no time will a student be released to a law enforcement 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 building administrator or designee 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. Administrators or designees must request law enforcement officials to complete the appropriate form provided by the district. See KN-AR(2) – Investigations Conducted on District Premises.

## **Abuse of a Child Investigation**

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 DHS or law enforcement agency will first notify the administrator or designee of the investigation, unless the administrator or designee is a subject of the investigation. The administrator or designee must request the investigating official fill out the appropriate form (See JHFE-AR(2) – Abuse of a Child Investigations Conducted on District Premises). . If the investigating official refuses to fill out or sign the form, the administrator may complete the form but should not deny the official's request to interview the student on school property. If the investigating official does not have adequate identification the administrator or designee shall refuse access to the student. The building administrator or designee 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 the abuse of a child, building administrators, designees and school employees shall not notify the parents.

## **Administrator-Initiated Requests**

On occasion, building principals or designees 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. Abuse of a child also requires immediate referral to the DHS or law enforcement officials. Additionally, building principals and/or designee(s) may report to law enforcement officials, other violations of law occurring on district property or at school-sponsored activities as deemed appropriate.