

TITLE: NOTICE OF INVOLUNTARY EXAMINATION

POLICY:

1. The principal or designee shall exercise reasonable diligence and care to make contact with the parents, as defined by law, of a student who is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity and taken to a receiving facility for an involuntary examination.
 - a. Reasonable attempt to notify means the exercise of reasonable diligence and care by the principal to make contact with the student's parent, guardian, or other known emergency contact whom the student's parent or guardian has authorized to receive notification of an involuntary examination.
 - b. Use available methods of communication to contact the student's parent, guardian, or other known emergency contact including, but not limited to, telephone calls, text messages, e-mails, and voicemail messages following the decision to initiate an involuntary examination of the student.
 - c. The principal or designee must document the method and number of attempts made to contact the student's parent, guardian, or other known emergency contact, and the outcome of each attempt.
 - d. The principal or designee who successfully notifies any other known emergency contact may share only the information necessary to alert such contact that the parent or guardian must be contacted. All such information must be in compliance with federal and state law.
2. The principal or designee may delay the notification to the parent for up to twenty-four (24) hours if the delay is considered in the student's best interest and if a report has been submitted to the central abuse hotline due to knowledge or suspicion of abuse, abandonment, or neglect.
3. Before contacting a law enforcement officer, a principal or designee must verify that de-escalation strategies have been utilized and outreach to a mobile response team has been initiated unless the principal or designee reasonably believes that any delay in removing the student will increase the likelihood of harm to the student or others.
4. During a student crisis situation, school or law enforcement personnel must make a reasonable attempt to contact a mental health professional who may initiate an involuntary examination, unless the child poses an imminent danger to themselves or others, before initiating an involuntary examination. Such contact may be in person or via telehealth. The mental health professional may be available to the District either by contracts or interagency agreements with the managing entity, one or more local community behavioral health providers, or the local mobile response team.

5. The school Superintendent shall annually report to the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) the number of involuntary examinations initiated at a school, on school transportation, or at a school-sponsored activity.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

1001.41,1001.42,
1002.33(16) F.S.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED:

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1002.33(9),1006.041,
1006.07(10), F.S.

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