

Law Enforcement Officials

Schools are responsible for students during school hours, which includes protecting each student's constitutional rights, assuring due process in questioning and arrest, and protecting students from any form of illegal coercion.

When police are investigating possible criminal acts which occurred, or may have occurred, on school property, or while under the jurisdiction of the school district, they may question students at school when the following procedures are observed:

1. Students will be questioned as confidentially and inconspicuously as possible.
2. An attempt will be made to notify the student's parents by contacting all available parent/guardian phone numbers, so that they may be present during the questioning. The school principal, or his/her designee, will be present.

Because of the many support services that local law enforcement agencies provide to the schools, staff, and students, the Board of Education supports the best possible relationship with those agencies consistent with district responsibilities to protect legal rights of staff and students.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to establish lines of communication with local law enforcement agencies to effect necessary cooperation toward ensuring the security of the school facilities, the safety of students and staff, and for better student education about law enforcement agencies.

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