

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Relations With Law Enforcement and Child Protective Agencies

The following steps and guidelines are recommended.

Law Enforcement Agencies:

1. A law enforcement officer will contact the principal upon entering the school building and present proper identification.
2. An officer may request and be granted such student information as address, telephone number, parents' names, date of birth, and attendance information. Information contained in the students' cumulative folder and any supplementary records shall be available for inspection on evidence that the student is the subject of a criminal investigation for a specific offense. the district shall release records when presented with a subpoena or court order. The district may release records to law enforcement officers without a subpoena provided that a reasonable effort is made to notify the parent in advance of releasing the information.
3. While the district encourages interrogations of students to take place off school premises, the principal shall permit a law enforcement officer to conduct any necessary questioning. The principal shall cooperate with the officer while he/she is conducting necessary investigations. The officer shall advise and afford a student the same legal rights as an adult.
4. If a student is under twelve years of age, the school shall require a parental contact before allowing the interrogation to take place.
5. An officer is not required to have a warrant in order for the school to release the student into law enforcement custody. In the event a student is taken into custody by a law enforcement officer, the school will immediately notify the parent or guardian.

Child Protective Agencies:

1. A child protective agency worker shall contact the principal upon entering a school building and present proper identification.
2. A child protective worker may request and be granted such information as address, telephone number, parents' names, date of birth, and attendance information. Information contained in the student's cumulative folder and

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any supplementary records shall be available for inspection on evidence that a student is a ward of the state or that the student is the subject of an investigation involving child abuse or neglect.

3. While the district encourages interviews of a student to take place off school premises, the principal shall permit a child protective worker to conduct any questioning when child abuse or neglect is suspected. The principal and school staff shall cooperate fully during such investigations. Interviews shall be conducted in the presence of a professional staff member unless the child objects.
4. The law enforcement officer investigating child abuse or neglect may take custody of a student and take the student from the school grounds. The law enforcement officer shall complete the child custody transfer form before leaving the building with the student. A copy of the form is to be given to the principal. In the event a student is taken into custody, it is the responsibility of the law enforcement officer to notify the parent or guardian.