

RELATIONS WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES

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it is the policy of the Board to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the interest of the welfare of all citizens. At the same time, the school system has the responsibility for the welfare of the students while they are in the care of the schools. To carry out this responsibility, school officials should observe the following:

A student is not immune from the law by virtue of his/her status as a student, nor is the school building a sanctuary from the law or the proper actions of law enforcement personnel. Whenever the police have cause to believe that a crime has been committed or when they have a search warrant or an arrest warrant, they shall be admitted in the exercise of their designated authority.

In the event of student interrogation by the police on school grounds, such interrogation shall be conducted in private and in the presence of a member of the school administration. In addition, the principal shall make a reasonable effort to inform parents that such interrogation is about to take place.

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Criminal Activity Affecting the Operation of the School

In certain circumstances, the building principal may require the assistance of police authorities in the investigation of possible criminal activity affecting the operation of the school. Should such police involvement require the questioning of students on school grounds, the building principal shall promptly notify the parent or guardian of a student about to be questioned that such questioning is about to take place and the parent or guardian of any such student shall be permitted to be present during such questioning.

Criminal Activity Not Involving the Operation of the School

Police interrogation of students regarding criminal activity not involving the operation of the school will generally not be allowed on school grounds provided that, where an emergency exists which requires speedy investigation, such interrogation of students may be allowed to take place with the approval of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

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