

QUESTIONING AND APPREHENSION**A. Purpose and Scope**

When students become involved with law enforcement officers, the school should make every attempt to cooperate with officers to help them in the discharge of their duties.

B. General**Apprehension**

Police officers, officers of the juvenile court, and other authorized law enforcement officials have an absolute right to enter a school to take a student into custody or to make an arrest of a student.

C. Forms and Additional References

None

D. Procedures

The following steps shall be taken to cooperate with the authorities:

1. The officer shall properly identify himself/herself to the principal or other designated administrators.
2. The principal or designee should make every effort to inform the parent or guardian after any interview takes place between the student and a police officer.
3. When an officer questions a student or takes any action with a student, it is highly desirable for the principal or other certificated witness to be present. It is the responsibility of the officer to advise the student of his/her rights.
4. When a representative of a child protective agency interviews any suspected victim of child abuse on school premises, during school hours, the school must provide a child who is to be interviewed the option of being interviewed in private or selecting an adult who is a member of the staff of that school to be present at the interview to lend him/her support.
5. The officer need not display a warrant if the officer shall have reason to believe that the student committed a violation of law. The officer's or statement to this effect shall be sufficient. (A witness to this statement is desirable.)

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6. If the student is arrested or taken into custody at a school, the school officials shall take immediate steps to notify the parents, guardian or responsible relative of the minor regarding the release of the minor to such officer, and regarding the place to which the minor is reportedly being taken.

E. Reports Required

None

F. Records Retained

None

G. Administrative Unit

Educational Services
Student Services
Site Principals

H. Approved By

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