

Series 1000 – Community Relations

4. Relations between other Governmental Agencies and the Schools

A. Local Units

(1) Law Enforcement Agencies

Schools are responsible for students during school hours which include 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 so that they may be present during the questioning. The school Principal, or his/her designee, will be present during all questioning.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to establish lines of communication with local law enforcement agencies in order to facilitate necessary cooperation to ensure the security of the school facilities, the safety of students and staff, and improved student education about law enforcement agencies.

(cf. 5145 Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of Education to prescribe rules.

53a-185 Loitering in or about school grounds: Class C Misdemeanor.

54-76j Disposition upon adjudication as youthful offender.

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