

Inter-Agency Cooperation

These procedures shall apply to interviews and removal of pupils from school during school hours by other governmental agency personnel.

- Whenever a person calls at the school to interview a student and that person is not known to the school, he/she shall be requested to produce his/her identification and documents, if any, for release of the student.
- The District shall notify parents or guardians when their child is called in for interviewing by another agency; exceptions may be necessary in child abuse cases.
- Interview by Law Enforcement:
 1. Regardless of the age of the student, the building administrator shall notify a parent/guardian prior to the interview of the student by a law enforcement officer. If the parent/guardian chooses to be present, a reasonable amount of time may be allowed for their arrival. If the parental contact would jeopardize the safety or protection of the child, the notification may be postponed. In the event that the parent/guardian cannot be reached, then the decision to continue the interview will be made by the administrator after seeking the input of the law enforcement officer.
 2. While the district encourages interviews of students to be conducted off school premises, the building administrator shall permit a law enforcement officer to conduct any necessary questioning at school when:
 - Alleged child abuse or neglect is involved;
 - The school district is involved as a victim;
 - The school, in conjunction with law enforcement, is conducting its own related investigation; or
 - The investigation may be seriously jeopardized by further delay (exigent circumstances).
 3. A law enforcement officer is not required to have a warrant in order for the school to release the student into law enforcement custody, refer to Policy #3428 – Removal of Pupil from School Custody. In the event a student is taken into custody, the law enforcement officer will sign a statement accepting responsibility for the student (Form #156 – Removal of Student by Legal Authorities) and the school and/or law enforcement officer will immediately notify the parent or guardian. If parental contact would jeopardize the safety or protection of the child, the notification may be postponed.
- During the interview of a student by an agency official, it is recommended that the principal or his/her designee shall be present and may, with the permission of those present, document the interview. (Exceptions may be made in cases, such as child abuse or neglect, where the agency officials believe that absolute privacy is necessary and that the administrators present may jeopardize the interview.)