

Interviews and Interrogations of Students on School Premises

Although the district values its relationships with law enforcement, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF,) and the county health department, to minimize interruption of the instructional program, the district discourages interviews and interrogations of students on school premises. As a general rule, interviews and interrogations by any agency, including law enforcement and the county health department should take place at the agency or the student's home, rather than school premises.

However, there are limited circumstances when an interview of students is warranted, for example school-initiated investigations, child abuse investigations, and/or serious crime investigations. When an onsite interview or interrogation is warranted by the circumstances, the district will utilize the procedures and protocols associated with this policy, which were developed in cooperation with these agencies and to ensure students and parent(s)/guardian(s) are afforded all rights under law. The interviews of students as witnesses, victims, and suspects are treated differently.

In contrast to the limited circumstances noted above, the work of immigration agents does not overlap with the work or duties of the district. This is because the district's obligation to educate the children residing within its borders is not diminished by the children or parents' immigration status. The district supports the federal immigration enforcement policy that directs immigration agents to avoid questioning and arrests at sensitive locations, including schools. Therefore, staff shall not grant information or access to immigration agents unless / until the district Superintendent and /or General Counsel determine the request complies with *Plyler v. Doe* and other applicable laws according to the criteria in the associated procedure.

Cross References: Policy 3124

Policy 3231
Policy 3432
Policy 3414
Policy 4310

Removal-Release of Student During School Hours

Student Records
Emergencies
Infectious Diseases
Working Relationships with Law Enforcement,
DSHS and the Health Department

Legal Reference:

RCW 26.44.030
RCW 26.44.050

RCW 26.44.110
RCW 26.44.115
RCW 28A.635.020

Interviews of children
Abuse or neglect of child — Duty of law
enforcement agency or department of social
and health services — Taking child into
custody without court order, when.
Written statement required
Notice required
Wilfully disobeying school administrative
personnel or refusing to leave public
property, violations, when — Penalty

Management Resources:

Policy and Legal New, December 2018
Policy and Legal News, July 2013

Policy News, February 1998
Policy News, April 2001

New interviews/interrogations of students on
school premises policy
FERPA limits student records access
Compliance Office Provides FERPA Update