

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

SCHOOL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATIONS

It is the intent of the Lampeter-Strasburg School District to provide a safe educational environment for all students and staff members, and to ensure that all students are afforded due process pursuant to applicable regulations in 22 PA. Code, Chapters 12 and 14. The District further intends to continue and enhance the cooperative efforts among students, parents, school staff, administration and local law enforcement officials.

The Lampeter-Strasburg School District will cooperate with local law enforcement officials in keeping with the following policy and as described in the administrative procedures contained in Memorandum of Understanding between the School District and specific law enforcement departments.

1. When students must meet with law enforcement officials, the officer should be requested to meet with the student at a time when he/she is not under the jurisdiction of the school, if at all possible.
2. The following steps should be taken in situations where law enforcement officials are speaking with students in the school:
 - a. The officer must present identification to the building administrator.
 - b. The student's parent/guardian must be notified prior to any discussion with the student.
 - c. The student's parent/guardian must be given the opportunity to be present during any discussions or interrogations.
3. Under no circumstances should private investigators, credit agents, or insurance inspectors be permitted to speak with students while at school.
4. Law enforcement officials must not remove a student from the school for purposes of interrogation unless there is specific consent of the parent/guardian.
5. Police officers, officers of the juvenile court, or other authorized law enforcement officials have the legal right to enter the school to take a student into custody or to make a lawful arrest of a student. However, the officer should be made to display either an order signed by a judge of the juvenile court authorizing him to take the student into custody, or to display a warrant for the student's arrest. The officer need not display a warrant if there is reason to believe that the student committed a violation of law. The officer's oral statement to this effect shall be sufficient. If the student is arrested or taken into custody at the school, school officials must make every effort to notify the parent/guardian immediately.
6. While law enforcement officials have the legal right to serve a subpoena at school, it is believed that the serving officials should serve subpoenas at the home of the student whenever possible.
7. The Superintendent must be notified immediately when any of the above situations have occurred.

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