No. 225

A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

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225. RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

1. Purpose Pol. 204

The Joint Operating Committee (JOC) establishes that a positive relationship between Career Center personnel and law enforcement agencies and personnel is necessary to assure the safety of persons and property in the community and to protect the rights of all students. This policy is intended to achieve established objectives and minimize controversy that may arise when those objectives may be in conflict.

This policy is predicated upon the following assumptions:

- 1. Career Center personnel will make every effort to cooperate with law enforcement agencies and officers in the proper discharge of their responsibilities, and Career Center authorities have a responsibility to report to law enforcement agencies acts that may be in violation of law.
- 2. Minor students under the age of eighteen (18) have certain fundamental or constitutional rights which may be invoked and waived on their behalf by parent/guardians in connection with criminal investigations. The invoking or waiving of these rights on behalf of students is not within the loco parentis relationship between school authorities and students.
- 3. The protection of a minor student's rights normally require that parents/guardians be afforded an opportunity to be advised of, and to be present at, any interview or interrogation by law enforcement officers.
- 4. Students over the age of eighteen (18) will be considered as adults and treated as such.
- 5. School premises are not appropriate or desirable as sites for conducting criminal investigations or interviews.

The Joint Operating Committee also recognizes that compulsory attendance laws impose on the JOC the custodianship of Career Center students while they are present in the schools.

2. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1303-A The Executive Director or designee shall be responsible to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that establishes guidelines for when law officials will be called to school and the actions that will follow.

3. Guidelines

Interrogations

When police or other law enforcement officers request permission to interrogate a student at school, the principal shall inform the Executive Director, determine why such interrogation could not occur at the student's home, and attempt to inform the student's parents/guardians.

Whenever the Executive Director or designee has determined that the police have a legitimate purpose in interrogating a student within the school building, the principal or a representative shall be present throughout the proceedings.

Arrests

When the police request permission to arrest a student at school, the principal shall inform the Executive Director, attempt to inform the student's parents/guardians, and request and inspect the arrest warrant.

No student shall be released to police authorities without proper warrant and appropriate evidence or written parental permission, except in the event of emergency or for the protection of life or property, as determined by the principal.

References:

School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 1303-A

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