

Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

STUDENTS

THE SCHOOLS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

It is the policy of the Board to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the interest of the larger welfare of all citizens. At the same time, schools have the responsibility to parents for the welfare of students while they are in the care of the school.

To carry out this responsibility to parents for the welfare of students, the following guidelines shall be observed in dealing with law enforcement personnel:

1. A student in school may not be interrogated by any authority without the knowledge of a school official.
2. Any interrogation must be done in private with an official school representative present, with the exception of child abuse or neglect investigations, and the parent notified as soon as possible and, wherever possible, prior to interrogation. If the interrogation involves child abuse or neglect, it is the responsibility of the investigating agency to notify the parents.
3. A student may not be released to the custody of persons other than his parent or legal guardian unless placed under arrest by legal authority. In cases involving child abuse or neglect, the investigating agency may remove the child from the school without placing the child under arrest.
4. If a student is removed from the school by legal authority, parents shall be notified of this action by school officials as soon as possible. In cases of child abuse or neglect, the investigating agency has the responsibility for notifying the parents.

[See Administrative Regulation related to this Policy](#)

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