

ARTICLE IV. STUDENTS

Section 16. Interrogation of Students.

The District is committed to protecting students from harm that may or may not be directly associated with the school environment, but also recognizes its responsibility to cooperate with law enforcement and State's child protection agency.

Such agencies should be encouraged to investigate alleged violations of the law off school property if at all possible. An investigation by such an agency may take place immediately on school property at the request of the building administrator if the alleged violation of law took place on school property or in emergency situations.

When police or other authorities arrive at the school and wish to interview a student or investigate an alleged violation of law, they must contact the building administrator indicating the nature of their investigation and their desire to question a student or students.

Before a student is questioned by police as a witness to or suspect in an alleged violation of law, the building administrator shall attempt to contact the student's parent, and shall request to remain in the room during the questioning if the parent is not available.

If the student is the subject of a child abuse/neglect investigation, and the investigating agency indicates that the parent or a family member is believed to be the perpetrator, the building administrator will not contact either parent prior to the interview if so requested by the investigator.

If an authorized law enforcement officer or child protection agency removes a student, the administrator shall promptly also notify the parent and the Superintendent.

No school official may release personally identifiable student information in education records to the police or children's services agency without prior written permission of the parent, a lawfully-issued subpoena, a court order, or as otherwise required by law, unless it is an emergency situation involving the health or safety of the involved student or other students. Directory information may be disclosed upon request.