

Community Relations

Law Enforcement Agencies

Schools are responsible for students during school hours which includes protecting each student's constitutional rights, assuring due process in questioning and arrest, and protecting students from any form of illegal coercion.

When police are investigating possible criminal acts which occurred, or may have occurred, on school property, or while under the jurisdiction of the school district, they may question students at school when the following procedures are observed:

1. Students will be questioned as confidentially and inconspicuously as possible.
2. The student's parents/guardians will be notified so that they may authorize the questioning and/or be present. The Principal or his/her designee may make an exception to this procedure if there is an overriding immediate public safety concern. The school Principal, or his/her designee, will be present during the questioning.
3. Preferably, the officer doing the questioning will wear civilian clothes.

Because of the many support services which local law enforcement agencies provide to the schools, staff, and students, the Board of Education supports the best possible relationship with those agencies consistent with district responsibilities to protect legal rights of staff and students.

The Superintendent is directed to establish lines of communication with local law enforcement agencies to effect necessary cooperation toward ensuring the security of the school facilities, the safety of students and staff, and for better student education about law enforcement agencies.

(cf. 5148 Search/Seizure)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.

53a-185 Loitering in or about school grounds: Class Misdemeanor

54-76j Disposition upon adjudication as youthful offender.

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