District Relationships with Law Enforcement and other Government Agencies

District staff bear the primary responsibility for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools. Staff will be responsible for holding students accountable for infractions of school rules, which may include minor violations of the law occurring during school hours or at school activities. When there is substantial threat to the health and safety of students or others, such as in the case of bomb threats, mass demonstrations with threat of violence, individual threats of substantial bodily harm, trafficking in prohibited drugs or the scheduling of events where large crowds may be difficult to handle, law enforcement or other government agencies will be called upon for assistance. Information regarding major violations of the law will be communicated to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The district will strive to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with law enforcement and other government agencies. The superintendent will meet with law enforcement, child protective authorities and health department officials to establish agreed upon procedures. Such procedures should address the handling of child abuse and neglect allegations and cases, the handling of bomb threats, arrests by law enforcement officers on school premises, the availability of law enforcement personnel for crowd control purposes, the processes for investigating possible criminal activity involving students, reporting of communicable disease cases and investigations, and other matters that affect school, law enforcement and other agency cooperation. Such procedures will be made available to affected staff and periodically revised.

Cross References:

Policy 3226	Interviews/Interrogations of Students on School Premises
Policy 3231	Student Records
Policy 3432	Emergencies
Policy 3414	Infectious Diseases

Legal Reference:

RCW 26.44.030	Interviews of children
RCW 26.44.050	Abuse or neglect of child — Duty of law enforcement agency or department of social and health services — Taking child into custody without court order, when.
RCW 26.44.110	Written statement required
RCW 26.44.115	Notice required
RCW 28A.635.020	Wilfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property, violations, when — Penalty

Management Resources:

Policy and Legal News, July 2013	New interviews/interrogations of students on school premises policy
Policy News, February 1998	FERPA limits student records access
Policy News, April 2001	Compliance Office Provides FERPA Update

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