

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Investigations and Arrests by Police

When a suspected violation of criminal law has occurred on school grounds, at a school sponsored activity, or an activity involving school operations, law enforcement officers may be notified by school administrators to request a criminal investigation.

- A. If law enforcement officers have a warrant for a the student’s arrest, they must be permitted to arrest the student; however, whenever possible, the arrest should be conducted in a private location the principal’s office out of view of others;
- B. The principal or his or her designee has the right and the obligation to take reasonable steps to prevent disruption of school operations and the educational process while at the same time cooperating with law enforcement efforts;
- C. Law enforcement officers shall not be allowed to roam about the school and should remain in the administration office;
- D. Any questioning by law enforcement officers should be conducted in a private room or area where confidentiality can be maintained;
- E. If law enforcement officers are to be allowed to question a student under the age of eighteen (18), a reasonable attempt shall be made to notify the parents, except in cases of suspected child abuse or child neglect involving the parent. The parents should be given the opportunity to come to the school prior to the questioning;
- F. If the parents are notified and able to attend, they should be allowed to be present at the interview. The administrator should be present at the interview, but should not take part in any questioning. The administrator should at all times remain a neutral observer.

Cross Reference:	5260 3545	Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Student Interviews, Interrogations or Arrests
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Legal Reference:	I.C. § 6-904(1) I.C. § 16-1605 I.C. § 16-1616 I.C. § 16-1631 I.C. § 32-1010 I.C. § 33-6001	Exceptions to Governmental Liability Reporting of Abuse, Abandonment or Neglect Child Protective Act Authorization for Department to Act Idaho Parental Rights Act Parental Rights in Education
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