

**School Interview  
with Child**

When a representative of the Department of Family and Protective Services (“DFPS” or “CPS”) or another lawful authority requests to question or interview a student at school as part of a child abuse investigation, the campus principal or designee will require the representative to show identification, sign in at the office, and state the purpose of the campus visit. Such representatives are authorized to interview, examine, videotape, and photograph children at school, without parental permission, if in the representative’s opinion, such contact with the child is necessary as part of a child abuse investigation. If the representative decides to take the child from the campus, the principal will have the representative complete a release form. [See GRA(EXHIBIT)].

The principal may request, but not require, that the interview be conducted in his or her presence or that of a designee, e.g., other administrator, helping teacher, counselor, or nurse. The representative may request that school personnel not be present during the interview. The principal will ensure that the interview is conducted in a place that respects the privacy and ensures the safety of the student.