

Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

- A. A law enforcement officer shall contact the principal or designee upon entering a school building.
- B. An officer may request and be granted such student information as address, telephone number, parents' names, date of birth and other directory information, if the parent or student over 18 years of age has not filed a written objection to the release of directory information. Student records protected by the federal Family Rights and Privacy Act may only be examined or released following written permission of a minor student's parent or an adult student, pursuant to a court order or subpoena, in response to a health or safety emergency, or in order to better serve the student in the juvenile justice system prior to adjudication.
- C. The district encourages interview/interrogations of students to take place off school premises in order to minimize interruption of the instructional program.
 - 1. When an on-site interview/interrogation is warranted by the circumstances of the case and the student is over twelve (12) years of age, the principal or designee shall make a reasonable effort to first contact the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) or if they can't be contacted a designated adult noted on the students emergency contact card, for their consent. Parent contact will not be required where the law enforcement indicates that allegations of child abuse or neglect are alleged. Law enforcement personnel must recognize the potential time delay for the parent to be contacted and a reasonable time for the parent to arrive if the parent chooses to be present. If unable to contact parents/guardians or a designated adult after a reasonable time, the officer may nevertheless proceed with the interview/interrogation when, in the judgment of the officer an emergency exists and further delay would impair the handling of that emergency. The officer shall advise and afford a student all legal rights required by law.
 - 2. If a student is under twelve (12) years of age, parents/guardians or designated adult notification and permission is required before any interview interrogation will take place unless the single exception for child abuse or neglect is alleged.
- D. An officer is not required to have a warrant in order for the school to release the student into law enforcement custody. In the event a student is taken into custody by a law enforcement officer, the school will immediately notify the parent or guardian unless prohibited by law enforcement because a case of child abuse or neglect is involved, or some other similar, specified reason exists for prohibiting notification. School authorities shall request that this denial and the reasons for it be put in writing.
- E. If a court has released a student on conditions related to school, including attendance, behavior or progress, the administration shall encourage the court to include as a condition of release the written permission of the adult student or parent of a minor student to release the student's records to the court or its designee.