

Agency and Police Interviews

Section A - Introduction

It is the policy of the Board of Education that its schools should provide a safe environment where students can learn without fear. Cooperation between school districts and the various law enforcement agencies in a community is vital to school safety.

Section B - Agency and Police Interviews at Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to manage requests by law enforcement and other agency officials to interview or detain students on school grounds. Consistent with and subject to Federal and State law and regulations, procedures will:

1. Recognize individual student rights and privacy;
2. Recognize the potential impact an interview may have on an individual student;
3. Minimize potential disruption, while fostering a cooperative relationship with law enforcement and other public agencies; and
4. In accordance with Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/22-88), ensure that before a law enforcement officer or school resource officer detains and questions on school grounds a student under 18 years of age who is suspected of committing a criminal act, the law enforcement officer or school resource officer will:
 - a. Notify or attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian and document the time and manner in writing;
 - b. Make reasonable efforts to ensure that the student's parent/guardian is present during questioning or, if they are not present, ensure that school employees (including, but not limited to, a school social worker, psychologist, nurse, counselor, or any other mental health professional) are present during the questioning; and
 - c. If practicable, make reasonable efforts to ensure a trained law enforcement officer to promote safe interactions and communications with the student is present during questioning.

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