## REGULATION

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#### R 8420.4 KIDNAPPING

#### A. Definition

- 1. A person is a victim of kidnapping:
  - a. When a person is unlawfully removed from the school or school grounds; or
  - b. When a person is unlawfully confined with the purpose of holding the victim for ransom, reward, as a shield, or hostage; or
  - c. When a person is unlawfully removed from the school or school grounds or a substantial distance from where he or she is found in school or on school grounds; or
  - d. When a person is unlawfully confined for a substantial period of time with any of the following purposes:
    - (1) To facilitate commission of a crime or flight thereafter, or
    - (2) To inflict bodily injury on or terrorize the victim.

#### B. Procedures

- 1. The following procedures shall be implemented in the event there is reason to believe a pupil has been kidnapped. The Building Principal or designee will:
  - a. Immediately notify the Superintendent of Schools;
  - b. Check school records to determine whether there is a legal custody issue;
  - c. Contact the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s); and
  - d. Notify the local law enforcement agency.

The Building Principal or designee will be prepared to provide law enforcement authorities information about the pupil (to the extent



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possible) including: a physical description of the pupil; any photograph of the pupil; information regarding known friends of the pupil; the names of any potential witnesses to an abduction; a description of an abductor; and other information that may be helpful to law enforcement in locating the pupil.

- 2. The Building Principal will alert school staff to the possible kidnapping and solicit staff assistance in obtaining information that may be helpful to law enforcement in locating the pupil.
- 3. The administrative staff will encourage all staff members remain calm to prevent panic.

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