

RELEASING STUDENTS TO POLICE

It is the policy of the Bethel Board of Education that students must be released to police officers who have proper arrest authority and a valid arrest warrant. Identification of the arresting officers shall be recorded. The parents or legal guardian shall be notified as soon as possible of the arrest.

School employees may permit law enforcement to interview students who are witnesses and not accused of a crime. School employees do not have the legal authority to require a student who is being investigated for a crime to submit to questioning by police officers. Questioning of students at school by police officers shall be permitted in accordance with the requirements set forth in Oklahoma law. No such law enforcement custodial interrogation shall commence until the youthful offender or child and the parents, guardian, attorney, adult relative, adult caretaker, or legal custodian of the youthful offender or child have been fully advised of the constitutional and legal rights of the youthful offender or child, including the right to be represented by counsel at every stage of the proceedings, and the right to have counsel appointed by the court if the parties are without sufficient financial means; provided, however, that no legal aid or other public or charitable legal service shall make claim for compensation as contemplated herein.

A custodial interrogation of a youthful offender over sixteen (16) years of age shall conform with all the requirements for the interrogation of an adult.

If a student is taken into custody, the arresting officer will be requested to complete a "Form for Signature of Arresting Officer."

LEGAL REFERENCE: 10A O.S. §2-2-301