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Note: State law allows the sharing of information between law enforcement agencies and school districts when a student has committed, or been the victim of, a serious crime. Law enforcement and youth service agencies are authorized to disclose information to a school district as may be necessary to protect the safety of school students and staff and this information should be disclosed as soon as it is reasonably practicable. The School Board should work with the appropriate youth services or law enforcement agencies in the community to develop procedures for the disclosure of information to school officials. By January 1, 2001, districts must have procedures in place for notifying teachers of dangerous students when information is received from law enforcement or other agencies. In addition, the School Board should direct the development of procedures for ensuring the confidentiality of this information once it is received by the district.

Students and staff have a right to feel safe and secure within the school environment. The Board recognizes that a safe school environment can be furthered by cooperation between the district and other agencies, including law enforcement. The district will actively facilitate such cooperation, including the sharing of criminal information as allowed by law. The Superintendent or designee shall work with appropriate agencies for the sharing of information as may be necessary to protect the safety of school students and staff.

A teacher, teacher's assistant, principal or other person responsible for students who receives information about a student that may affect the safety of students or staff, including information from other agencies, shall disclose such information in accordance with procedures developed by the Superintendent.

Note: Effective January 1, 2001, a teacher, teacher's assistant, administrator, or other employee responsible for students who, during the course of employment, observes a student committing a crime must report the crime to local law enforcement. AS 14.33.130. The obligation to report to law enforcement resides with the staff member observing the crime. "Crime" means an offense for which a sentence of imprisonment is authorized; a crime is either a felony or a misdemeanor. AS 11.81.900.

Staff members who, in the course of their employment, observe a student committing a crime (as defined by Alaska Statute 11.81.900) shall report the crime to local law enforcement. The staff member shall also immediately report the crime to the site administrator or the Superintendent if the site administrator is not available. When the notice is made to the site administrator, the administrator shall contact the superintendent.

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The district will encourage programs and activities designed to enrich district curriculum and to develop and promote good citizenship and a healthy attitude toward law enforcement agencies and officials. Law enforcement participation in such programs and activities is encouraged.

Law enforcement officials may enter school facilities if a crime has been committed on district property or to investigate matters concerning staff and students upon request initiated by either agency officials or by relevant district administrators.

Legal References:

ALASKA STATUTES

11.81.900 Definitions
14.12.150 – 14.12.170 Regional Resource Centers
14.33.120 School Disciplinary and Safety Program
14.33.130 Enforcement of Approved Program; Additional Safety Obligations
47.12.310 Agency Records
47.12.315 Public Disclosure of Information in Agency Records Relating to Certain Minors
47.10.093 Disclosure of Agency Records
47.10.090 and 47.12.300 Court Records

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