

445-RULE PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING STUDENT-LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERVIEWS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Guidelines for Law Enforcement Officer Interviews of Students

All student interviews will follow the guidelines listed:

1. Interviews should be coordinated with the student's schedule, if at all possible, to minimize loss of class time.
2. The principal or appropriate school designee will summon the student from his/her class, unless the law enforcement agency and school administration feel the situation warrants personal contact with the law enforcement officer.
3. Interviews shall be conducted in an office setting to promote confidentiality.
4. The building principal or designee may be present during the law enforcement officer interview as determined appropriate by the building principal or designee and consistent with law enforcement agency standards.
5. School officials should attempt to notify a student's parent/guardian as soon as practical when law enforcement officers conduct a student interview, except for cases involving allegations of child abuse or neglect. In cases that occur on school campus or during a school event where law enforcement has been summoned to protect the health, safety, welfare, and/or property of students, staff, citizens, and/or school facilities, a student interview may be conducted prior to parent/guardian notification as determined by the building principal or designee.

With the exception of search and seizure or circumstances that may require a custodial interview, police liaison officers, school safety officers, and other police officers assigned to work with students in the school setting shall communicate and interact with students in the same manner as school personnel.

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