

POLICE ACCESS TO STUDENTS

It is the desire and intention of the board to maintain a spirit of cooperation between the Eureka County School System and local law enforcement authorities in areas of mutual concern. Consistent with the district's responsibility for the care and supervision of students during school hours, on school property, the following policy is hereby established relative to police access to students attending school.

A. Arrest:

1. A student may be removed from school grounds and taken into police custody upon receipt of a court order or warrant for the student's arrest. The appropriate Release of Student form shall be completed and placed on file at the school.
2. Upon notice from police authorities of an impending arrest, the student involved shall be summoned to the administrative offices of the school and detained until taken into police custody.
3. The arrest should take place within the administrative offices of the school and not in the view of uninterested parties. Every effort shall be made to assure that the arrest procedure is carried out in a manner that will not disturb classroom activities or call the arrest to the attention of other students. Police officers should enter the classrooms or other areas of the school grounds only when requested to do so by the school administrators in response to an offense or incident occurring at the school.
4. Every reasonable effort should be made by the school authorities to promptly notify the parents or guardian of any student removed from school and taken into police custody.

B. Interrogation:

1. Except for purposes of making an arrest, police access to students during school hours and/or removal of students from the classroom for interrogation or other investigation is to be discouraged.
2. Every attempt will be made to contact the parent or guardian before a student shall be removed from class for interrogation or investigation. The principal shall be provided with satisfactory proof that an interrogation or investigation is necessary.

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3. If the principal is satisfied that the parents or guardian has been notified, police interrogation/investigation of a student may be undertaken within the school administrative offices in the same manner as set forth above regarding arrest procedure.
4. If the parent has been notified but is not present, the principal or counselor shall be in attendance during any interrogation.
5. If the parent or guardian has not been notified, police interrogation of a student on school premises shall proceed only in extraordinary cases in which the principal is shown satisfactory proof of exigent circumstances requiring it. In such cases, the principal, or school counselor shall be in attendance throughout any questioning of the student to offer advice and counsel.

The foregoing is intended as general guidelines only. No effort has been made to encompass every situation in which law enforcement activity on school premises may occur. The manner in which a particular police/school situation is to be dealt with shall rest with the judgment of the school principal, bearing in mind the following order of priorities:

- a) Safety of the students;
- b) The educational needs of the students;
- c) Responsibility to the individual student;
- d) Cooperation with law enforcement authorities.

This policy does not pertain to child abuse and neglect cases whose policies are covered under NRS 432B.