

POLICY H 10

BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

H 10: Relations With Law Enforcement other than School Resource Officers

Former Policy KNAJ

Cooperation with law enforcement agencies is essential for the protection of students, for maintaining a safe environment in the district schools, and for safeguarding all school property.

This cooperation must recognize the functions of the schools. The district's legal responsibility for pupils during the school day must be in harmony with the constitution of the United States and the laws of the state.

The Board also recognizes the potential enrichment that law enforcement agencies can make in the educational program.

Efforts should be made to develop a healthy attitude toward law enforcement agencies and personnel to promote better understanding and communication.

Relationships between the schools and officials of law enforcement agencies in investigative matters concerning pupils (other than suspected child abuse or neglect of the student) will take into consideration the respective roles of the schools and law enforcement agencies in assisting and protecting the interests of the community, and ensuring the rights of all concerned:

Any law enforcement official who finds it necessary to interview a minor student during school hours must obtain the permission of the school principal or designee and parental consent in advance of the interview.

Law enforcement officials may not be interfered with if they present legal processes (warrants) to the principal or designee. In such a case, the school will attempt to notify the parent/guardian.

Law enforcement must check in with the office upon arrival at the school and follow school rules like any other visitor.

At the elementary level, the decision whether to question a student should be made with regard to whether the educational process is served in a constructive manner.

Law enforcement officials may interview students who have reached the age of majority without parental permission if the student gives consent.

In the absence of legal process (warrant), at least one parent or guardian must be notified and give his/her consent prior to any interview being conducted.

A staff member or parent must be present during any interview by a law enforcement office of a minor student at school

It is the duty of law enforcement to explain a student's rights. School staff may, but are not required to explain a student's rights.

Access by law enforcement to education records is governed by the district policy pursuant to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act. (See Policy F 3R – Student Records).

Cross References: Policy F 3R, Student Records,
Policy H 2, Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting

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