



**INTERVIEWS OF STUDENTS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

**Category:** Health and Safety

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**Policy Statement**

Principal or designate shall act in loco parentis while the student is in school; however, the direct responsibility for the protection of legal rights of a student rests with the parent(s)/guardian(s).

**Procedures**

1. If Law enforcement agencies request to interview a student suspected of criminal conduct:
  - a. The Principal or designate shall request that the law enforcement agency contact the parent(s)/guardian(s).
  - b. The Principal or designate shall require the law enforcement agency to make arrangements to conduct the interview at a location other than the school.
  
2. If there are extenuating circumstances which make it inappropriate or not feasible to hold the interview outside of the school, the following procedures shall be followed:
  - a. Every effort shall be made to notify the parents/guardians and to have them attend the interview, if appropriate.
  - a. If efforts to reach the parents/guardians are unsuccessful, the principal or designate shall be present during the interview.
  - b. Prior to the interview, the principal or designate shall inform the student that participation in the interview is voluntary and that the student has the right to be represented by an adult or lawyer.
  - c. The principal shall ensure that all aspects of the interview are considered confidential by all school personnel.

**Reference**

- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development [Policy 703: Positive Learning and Working Environment](#)