

INTERROGATION OR APPREHENSION OF STUDENTS

IN SCHOOLS BY THE POLICE

Police officers, in the course of their duties, may visit a school and request to interview or apprehend certain students. In these instances, the following procedures are to be followed:

1. Division staff shall cooperate with police.
2. The police officer shall report to the principal or designate, make known the purpose of the visit, and satisfy the principal as to his/her identity.
3. For matters that are not school related, the principal shall encourage the police to conduct interviews after school hours and away from the school.
4. In the event this is not possible or practical, the principal in consultation with the police, will see that parents are notified and given an opportunity to attend the interview. A private location for the interview will be provided.
5. In the event that apprehension of a student is necessary, the matter shall be handled with discretion. Before allowing the student to be removed from the school, the principal shall request the police officer to advise the parent or guardian of the action being taken. The Superintendent's Department shall be advised of the apprehension as soon as possible.

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