

**Policy Title: Law Enforcement
Questioning and Investigation**

Policy No: 502.09

If a law enforcement official desires to question a student during the school day, the law enforcement official is required to report to the school office and seek permission to speak to the student. The principal in charge shall grant such permission and should support the police investigation. The student should not be called out of class unless the matter involved is of an emergency nature. The principal will make his or her office available for the law enforcement officer to do his or her questioning and investigation.

If the questioning by the law enforcement official of the student concerns the criminal activity of the student, the principal in charge should notify the student's parents, if at all possible, in order that they may be in touch with the law enforcement official and their student.

The principal in charge of carrying out his or her duties as hereinbefore set forth is not to participate in the questioning of the student. Upon the request of the student, the principal will not sit in on the questioning of the student. The principal at all times should endeavor to cooperate with the law enforcement official, and in doing so, make the student available for questioning with the least possible embarrassment to the student, particularly in taking the student from the classroom.

If the law enforcement official has a warrant for the arrest of the student, the principal in charge shall forthwith take the student from class or whatever other activity the student may be engaged in, and deliver the student to the law enforcement officer.

If it is determined by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and/or law enforcement that there is a possibility that the student is in potential imminent danger, then the principal will also fully cooperate with law enforcement officials.

This Policy is for the purpose of providing guidelines to the principal in charge on occasions when students are being questioned by law enforcement officials. Additionally, it is for the purpose of insuring that students' rights are protected, and to permit full cooperation with law enforcement officials on such occasions.

Under unusual circumstances where parents cannot be reached, school personnel are directed to use their discretion in notifying law enforcement personnel. Efforts to contact parents shall be documented.

Policy Cross Reference:

Legal Reference:

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