

Community Relations

Law Enforcement Agencies

Release of Pupils to and Questioning of Pupils by Law Enforcement Officials

In the absence of parental or guardian consent, the principal shall release pupils to law enforcement officials only if an arrest warrant is presented or if the law enforcement officer informs the principal that the pupil has been observed engaging in a criminal act immediately prior to the arrest. Reasonable efforts will be made to notify parents/guardians of the arrest. If a warrant is issued by an official from the agency other than the Weston police, the principal must contact the Weston police who will verify the authenticity of the warrant. In any case where a law enforcement officer seeks to arrest a student, the principal must immediately notify the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

If law enforcement officers seek to question a student at school, the decision whether or not to allow questioning will be made by the principal or designee. If the principal or designee determines that questioning by law enforcement will be disruptive to the educational process or maintenance of discipline in the school, the request may be denied. Unless there exists a clear and present danger as determined by the principal, no questioning by law enforcement shall be allowed in the absence of the student's parent or guardian. In any case where a law enforcement officer seeks to question a student on school grounds, the principal must immediately notify the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

If there exists a clear and present danger as determined by the principal, a student who is not a suspect in the case may be questioned by law enforcement in the presence of the principal or his/her designee. The student's parent or guardian will be notified as soon as possible by the principal or his/her designee and informed of the questioning by law enforcement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the law enforcement officer seeking to arrest a student, or to question a student, declines to honor a refusal by the principal to permit the removal from school or questioning by law enforcement as provided above, the principal should not attempt to interfere with the officer's actions. Rather, the principal should verbally object to the officer's actions and document his/her objections in a written communication to the officer and the officer's supervisor.

Policy References: Policy and Regulation 5145.12, Search and Seizure

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