

POLICY TITLE: Arrest and/or Questioning of Students on School Premises		
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When possible and appropriate, arrest by police should be made during non-school hours and away from the school premises.

When an arrest on school premises during the school hours is necessary, the responsible school official shall ascertain such facts from the arresting officer as will enable him to fully advise the parent or guardian and other school officials of the nature of the charge, the identity of the arresting officer, and the location of the student.

An arrest on school premises should be accomplished in a manner that minimizes embarrassment to the arrested student and avoids jeopardizing the safety and welfare of other students.

An arrested student may not be questioned by police on school premises, and should be removed from the premises as soon as practicable after the arrest.

In the absence of an arrest, school officials may not authorize the removal of a student from school premises for the purposes of investigative questioning without the consent of the child's parent or guardian.

During a police investigation, students may not be questioned on school premises unless the questioning concerns an alleged violation of criminal law committed on the premises or unless the failure to question the student immediately would threaten the success of the investigation or endanger the safety of students or other persons. A school official shall be present during the questioning of any student. Except for child abuse or neglect investigations, all reasonable efforts will be made to notify a parent/guardian of the nature of the investigation prior to the initiation of police questioning concerning a school-related investigation unless delaying police questioning could result in jeopardizing the safety and welfare of others.

The above restrictions do not apply in investigations of suspected child abuse or neglect. When child abuse or neglect is suspected, police officers or local social service workers may question students on school premises. School officials are not required to notify parents or guardians of such investigations and may allow removal of any child who is a suspected victim of child abuse or neglect from school premises without parental consent, provided that the local department of social services has the legal authority to remove the child. Parents or guardians should be promptly notified after a child's removal under these circumstances.

Records and reports regarding child abuse and neglect are confidential, and their unauthorized disclosure is a criminal offense.

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