

## **Students**

### **Agency and Police Interviews**

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to manage requests by agency officials or police officers to interview students at school. Procedures will:

1. Recognize individual student rights and privacy.
2. Recognize the potential impact an interview may have on an individual student.
3. Minimize potential disruption.
4. Foster a cooperative relationship with public agencies and law enforcement, and
5. Comply with State law including, but not limited to, ensuring that before a law enforcement officer, school resource officer, or other school security person detains and questions on school grounds a student under 18 years of age who is suspected of committing a criminal act, the Superintendent or designee will:
  - a. Notify or attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian and document the time and manner in writing;
  - b. Make reasonable efforts to ensure the student's parent/guardian is present during questioning or, if they are not present, ensure that school employees (including, but not limited to, a school social worker, psychologist, nurse, counselor, or any other mental health professional) are present during the questioning; and
  - c. If practicable, make reasonable efforts to ensure a trained law enforcement officer to promote safe interactions and communications with the student is present during questioning.

Law enforcement officers or other agency officials may not remove a student from a school building for questioning while the student is properly in attendance without seeking permission of the student's parent or guardian, unless the enforcement officer has a warrant for the student's arrest or an order signed personally by the judge of a court.

In the case where the police have a warrant for the arrest of a child or a court order, school personnel will make an attempt to contact the parents or guardians immediately. However, the school will honor the warrant for criminal acts not related to school. Students believed to be committing a criminal act while at school may be removed from school grounds after the staff has made reasonable efforts to reach the student's parents.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.64, 5/22-88  
55 ILCS 80/, Children's Advocacy Center Act.  
325 ILCS 5/, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.  
720 ILCS 5/31-1 et seq., Interference with Public Officers Act.  
725 ILCS 120/, Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act.

CROSS REF.: 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

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