

Community Relations

Law Enforcement Officials

The Board of Education, because of the many support services, supports the best possible relationship with those agencies consistent with district responsibilities to protect legal rights of staff and students.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to establish lines of communication with local law enforcement agencies to effect necessary cooperation toward ensuring the security of the school facilities, the safety of students and staff, and for better student education about law enforcement agencies.

(cf. 5148 Search/Seizure)

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Questioning of Students at School by Police

When police are investigating possible criminal acts which occurred, or may have occurred, on school property, or while under the jurisdiction of the school district, they may question students at school when the following procedures are observed:

1. Students will be questioned as confidentially and inconspicuously as possible.
2. An attempt will be made to notify the student's parents so that they may be present during the questioning. The school principal, or his/her designee, will be present.
3. Preferably, the officer doing the questioning will wear civilian clothes.

Notification of a Student's Arrest

Pursuant to the requirements of PA 94-221, whenever the Superintendent or his/her designee receives oral or written notification from the local police department or state police that a student was arrested, for a Class A misdemeanor or a felony he/she shall maintain the written report in a secure location and the information in the report shall be maintained as confidential in accordance with section 46b-124. The Superintendent or his/her designee may disclose such information only to the principal of the school in which the student is enrolled or the supervisory agent of any other school in which the student is enrolled.

The principal or supervisory agent may disclose such information only to special service staff or a consultant, such as a psychiatrist, psychologist or social worker, for the purposes of assessing the risk of danger posed by the person, other student school employees or property and effectuating an appropriate modification of such person's educational plan or placement for disciplinary purposes. Such information with respect to a child under sixteen years of age shall be confidential in accordance with 46b-124 and shall only be disclosed as provided in this section and shall not be further disclosed.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of Education

53a-185 Loitering in or about school grounds: Class C Misdemeanor.

10-233h Arrested students. Reports by police to superintendent, disclosure, confidentiality. (as amended by P.A. 94-221, 95-225, 95-304 and 97-149

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