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STUDENT INTERVIEWS BY NON-SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The District recognizes that cooperation with law enforcement and social service agencies supports the education of students and is necessary for maintaining a safe environment in the district's schools and for safeguarding all school property.

Law enforcement and other government agency officials who are called to the school for assistance shall be permitted to interview students as necessary for the situation. Law enforcement or other agency-initiated interviews with students shall be permitted under conditions established by the building principal and as required by law.

All student interviews with law enforcement officials conducted on school premises shall receive prior approval of the building principal or designee. If a request from a law enforcement official for a student interview is denied, the building principal or designee shall state the reason for the denial. Law enforcement officials may appeal the decision made by the building principal or designee to the District Administrator.

Non-school personnel shall conduct their business with students at a time other than during normal school hours to the extent possible. When it is necessary to interview students on school premises, the interview shall be conducted in such a way so as not to interrupt the learning environment. This may include a school staff member rather than law enforcement removing the student from class, interviews conducted in an office conference room, and coordinating the start of the interview with class schedules.

Law enforcement-initiated student interviews that are not school related shall not be conducted on school premises except in emergencies or as specifically required by law. Law enforcement officials may cite students for violations of traffic and/or municipal ordinances on school grounds.

When deemed appropriate and necessary, a school staff member shall be present during a student interview with non-school personnel. Parent/guardian notification will be attempted prior to law enforcement officers involvement in a student interview, except for cases involving allegations of child abuse or neglect.

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