Students

Police in Schools

Schools are responsible for students during school hours which includes protecting each student's constitutional rights, assuring due process in questioning and arrest, and protecting students from any form of illegal coercion.

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. A police officer may take a statement from a student under the age of 16 who is not a suspect in a crime. An attempt will be made by the principal or his/her designee to notify the student’s parents to inform the parent that the interview had occurred.

3. A police officer may not question a student under the age of 16 who is suspected of committing a crime without a parent being present.

4. Students over the age of 16 may be questioned by a police officer without a parent being present. An attempt will be made by the principal or his/her designee to notify the student’s parents to inform the parent that the interview had occurred.

When investigating a possible criminal violation occurring off school grounds or not part of a school program, police will be encouraged to question students in their homes; however, they may be permitted to question students in the schools when the procedures outlined in 1-3 above are observed.

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