

RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Board recognizes the potential enrichment that law enforcement agencies can make in the educational program . The Board also recognizes that cooperation with law enforcement agencies is desirable so long as there is no infringement upon the rights of pupil, parents, and employees. This cooperation must recognize the functions of the schools, be in harmony with the Constitution of the United States and the laws of West Virginia.

Instruction: The police agencies are valuable sources of information for the instructional program . Teachers and principals are encouraged to invite representatives of the various law enforcement agencies into the schools to serve as resource people for class activities, to present assembly programs, and to discuss student and community problems with the students.

Principal's Responsibility: It shall be the responsibility of each school principal to notify the appropriate police agencies of athletic events and other activities at his/her school which may create problems of traffic or crowd control. They shall also promptly notify the police and Superintendent of any theft, vandalism , or other illegal acts occurring on or near school property, or of any anticipated or suspected illegal activities.

Interviews: Interviews of pupils by law enforcement officers who show proper identification will be permitted during the school day only when it involves a school matter or when interviews during non-school hours are impossible, impractical, or would unduly interfere with law enforcement. Efforts shall be made to notify the parent, guardian, or other adult person having the care and custody of the child before the interview takes place. In the event that an interview is conducted on the school premises, the principal, or his/her representative must be present during the interview unless the interview concerns a school matter, in which case the principal may choose not to be present.

Arrest: Custody and/or arrest may be affected by a police officer after he has shown proper identification and credentials.

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