

LAW ENFORCEMENT – STUDENT CONTACT

The following procedures will be used by the Waterloo Community School District:

A. SCHOOL-LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATIONS

1. Schools will be serviced by the School Resource Officer or other uniformed officer assigned to the boundary in which the school exists.
2. Administrators will call appropriate law enforcement officials when requesting assistance.
3. Officers responding to calls for assistance will report to the building administrator or the designee.
4. The law enforcement officers in each boundary are encouraged to visit each school building to become acquainted with the facilities, building administrators, staff, and students.
5. When it is necessary for non-school officers to make contact at a school, every effort will be made to contact and work through the assigned School Resource Officer and the building administrator.
6. Law enforcement officials may be utilized to assist with special programs such as drug abuse, bicycle safety, cautioning students about riding with strangers, etc.
7. Actions of officers, if not satisfactory or if deemed by the building administrator to be inappropriate, shall be reported immediately to the Executive Director of Student & At-Risk Services who will then contact the acting School Resource Officer/ Law Enforcement Personnel Supervisor.

B. INTERVIEWS OF STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT SUSPECTED OF A CRIME

Students may be interviewed by law enforcement without parent contact and permission if the student is not a suspect or has not committed a crime.

C. INTERVIEWS OF STUDENTS SUSPECTED OF A CRIME

1. Law enforcement officials and building administrators will attempt to notify parents prior to any interview or the taking of students into custody.
2. Law enforcement officials have a right to interview students at school; however, students may also decline to answer any questions.
 - A. If the parent, guardian, or custodian approves of the interview, the law enforcement officer may have the parent confirm the approval with the school personnel.
 - B. If the parent, guardian, or custodian does not approve of the interview, the

law enforcement officer will either take the student into custody if that action is appropriate, or terminate the student contact.

D. TAKING INTO CUSTODY

In all instances when a student is being taken into custody and/or removed from the school premises, the School Resource Officer and the building principal or designee will make a concentrated effort to contact the parent, guardian, or custodian of the student.

E. ARREST

Law enforcement officers are legally empowered to arrest with or without a warrant and without school involvement. However, the District encourages that every effort will be made by law enforcement officials to fully inform the school of any action being taken or anticipated for the discharge of their respective, separate responsibilities within the school setting.

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