

RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES

GRA
(LOCAL)

QUESTIONING OF
STUDENTS

The following guidelines shall apply when law enforcement officers or other lawful authorities desire to question or interview a student at school:

1. The principal shall verify and record the identity of the officer or other authority and request an explanation of the need to question or interview the student at school.
2. The principal ordinarily shall make reasonable efforts to notify the student's parents or other person having lawful control of the student. If the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection to the notification, parents shall not be notified. *The Principal or designee shall document in writing the reason given for not notifying the parents.*
3. ~~The principal or a designee ordinarily shall be present during the questioning or interview. If the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection to a third party's presence, the interview shall be conducted without that person's presence.~~
3. *A CPS investigation may exclude the principal or a designee, and any other individual from being present during the questioning or interview. If the principal or designee is excluded by a CPS investigator, the principal or designee shall document in writing the exclusion by noting the date, time and name of CPS investigator.*

CHILD ABUSE
INVESTIGATION

When the event is part of child abuse investigations conducted by the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or other lawful authority, the principal shall cooperate fully with the officers' requests regarding the conditions of the interview or questioning.

STUDENTS TAKEN
INTO CUSTODY

Before a student at school is arrested or taken into custody by a law enforcement officer or other legally authorized person, the principal shall verify the official's identity. To the best of his or her ability, the principal shall verify the official's authority to take custody of the student [see GRA], and then shall deliver over the student.

The principal shall immediately notify the Superintendent and ordinarily shall notify the parents or other person having lawful control of the student. If the officer or other authorized person raises what he principal considers to be a valid objection to notifying the parents at that time, the principal shall not notify the parents.