

Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

The Board recognizes that district-wide cooperation with law enforcement agencies is essential for the protection of staff and students for maintaining a safe environment in district schools, and for safeguarding district property consistent with protecting legal rights of staff and students.

Programs and activities designed to enrich curriculum and to develop and promote good citizenship and a healthy attitude toward law enforcement agencies and officials will be encouraged by the district. Law enforcement participation in such programs and activities is also encouraged. Priority shall be given to the law enforcement's involvement in threat assessments and in the planning and implementation of school district emergency plans, security procedures, intervention, and crisis response. Law enforcement officials are viewed as key stakeholders in developing and implementing a comprehensive emergency readiness plan for the district's schools.

Law enforcement officials may be summoned in order to conduct an investigation of alleged criminal conduct on the school premises or during a school-sponsored activity or to maintain the educational environment. They may also be summoned for the purpose of maintaining or restoring order when the presence of such officers is necessary to prevent injury to persons or property. Administrators have the responsibility and the authority to determine when the assistance of law enforcement officers is necessary within their respective jurisdictions. The school system's administrators shall at all times act in a manner which protects and guarantees the rights of students and parents.

(c.f. 5090.8.1 Search and Seizure)

(c.f. 5090.8.1.2 Vehicle Searches on School Grounds)

(c.f. 5110.3.1 Police in Schools)

(c.f. 5142.4 School Resource Officer)

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules

53a-185 Loitering in or about school grounds: Class C Misdemeanor

54-76j Disposition upon adjudication as youthful offender

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