

Child Abuse Investigation

When a representative of the Department of Family and Protective Services or another lawful authority requests to question or interview a student at school as part of a child abuse investigation, the principal shall cooperate fully with the official's requests regarding the conditions of the interview or questioning.

Other Questioning of Students

When law enforcement officers or other lawful authorities request to question or interview a student at school for any purpose other than a child abuse investigation, the following guidelines shall apply:

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, and obtain written documentation from the officer or other authority that the student's parent or other person having lawful control of the student has granted permission to question or interview the student at school.
2. If the officer or other authority does not have written permission from the parent or other person having lawful control of the student, ~~the principal~~ ordinarily shall make reasonable efforts to notify the student's parent or other person having lawful control of the student to obtain consent. ~~If the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection to an immediate notification, the parent shall not be notified until after the interview is completed.~~
3. The principal or 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. ~~The principal or designee shall not be required to be present during the questioning or interview.~~

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 and then shall deliver over the student. [See GRA(EXHIBIT)]

The principal shall immediately notify the Superintendent and shall make reasonable efforts to timely notify the parent or other person having lawful control of the student.

[See FO for notification requirements by the campus behavior coordinator under Education Code Chapter 37.]