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STUDENTS

7:150 Agency and Police Interviews

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to manage requests by agency officials or police officers to interview students at school. Procedures will: ~~(1)~~ [PRESSPlus1](#)

1. ~~r~~ Recognize individual student rights and privacy,
2. Recognize the potential impact an interview may have on an individual student. ~~(2)~~
3. ~~m~~ Minimize potential disruption. ~~(3)~~
4. ~~f~~ Foster a cooperative relationship with public agencies and law enforcement, and ~~(4)~~
5. ~~e~~ Comply with State law, including, but not limited to, ensuring that before a law enforcement officer, school resource officer, or other school security person detains and questions on school grounds a student under 18 years of age who is suspected of committing a criminal act, the Superintendent or designee will: [PRESSPlus2](#)
 - a. Notify or attempt to notify the student's parent/guardian and document the time and manner in writing;
 - b. Make reasonable efforts to ensure the student's parent/guardian is present during questioning or, if they are not present, ensure that school employees (including, but not limited to, a school social worker, psychologist, nurse, guidance counselor, or any other mental health professional) are present during the questioning; and
 - c. If practicable, make reasonable efforts to ensure a trained law enforcement officer to promote safe interactions and communications with the student is present during questioning. [PRESSPlus3](#)

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.64, 5/22-85](#) (final citation pending)

[55 ILCS 80/](#), Children's Advocacy Center Act.

[325 ILCS 5/](#), Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

[720 ILCS 5/31-1](#) et seq., Interference with Public Officers Act.

[725 ILCS 120/](#), Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act.

CROSS REF.: [5:90](#) (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to [105 ILCS 5/22-85](#) (final citation pending), added by P.A. 101-478, eff. 1-1-20.

Additional resources include:

- The *Guidelines for Interviews of Students*, published by the Ill. Council of School Attorneys (ICSA) at: www.iasb.com/law/ICSAGuidelinesforInterviewsofStudents.pdf.
- The publication, *Policing in Schools, Developing a Governance Document for School Resource Officers in K-12 Schools*, was developed by the American Civil Liberties Union, and is available at: www.aclu.org/racial-justice/policing-schools-developing-governance-document-school-resource-officers-k-12-schools.
- *School Resource Officers, School Law Enforcement Units, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*, published by PTAC (2019), at: www.studentprivacy.ed.gov/resources/school-resource-officers-school-law-enforcement-units-and-ferpa.

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PRESSPlus 2. The statute does not specifically assign these duties to a school official, but instead states that "a law 7:150

enforcement officer, school resource officer, or other school security personnel” must ensure these conditions are met before detaining and questioning a student on school grounds. For ease of implementation, this policy assigns these duties to a school official as they routinely contact parents/guardians and can arrange for the presence of school personnel during an interview. See the ICSA *Guidelines* at www.iasb.com/law/ICSAGuidelinesforInterviewsofStudents.pdf for further discussion of school officials’ responsibilities when law enforcement authorities interview students at school. **Issue 102, October 2019**

PRESSPlus 3. A trained law enforcement officer is someone who: (1) received training in youth investigations approved or is certified by his/her law enforcement agency as a school resource officer per 50 ILCS 705/10.22, or (2) is a juvenile police officer per 705 ILCS 405/1-3(17). **Issue 102, October 2019**