



SECTION IV: STUDENTS

POLICY 4250

RELATIONS WITH POLICE, LEGAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES: STUDENT INTERVIEWS/INTERROGATIONS

The Broken Arrow Public Schools desires to maintain cooperative relations with police, legal and other governmental authorities. Such cooperation is necessary in the interest of the larger welfare of all citizens. To carry out this responsibility, school officials should observe the following procedures.

The police, legal and other governmental authorities will inform the school principal or designee before interviewing/interrogating a student enrolled in the Broken Arrow Public Schools on School District property. The term "police, legal and other governmental authorities" does not include agents, officers or employees of the School District, including Broken Arrow police officers while they are serving as security or resource officers for the School District.

As to child abuse investigations, at the request of appropriately identified investigators of DHS or the district attorney's office, the school principal or designee will permit the investigators access to a student about whom DHS has received a child abuse or neglect report. The school principal or designee will arrange the interview in a manner that minimizes embarrassment to the child. School personnel will not contact the parent, guardian or other person responsible for the child's health or welfare prior to the interview. No district employee will be present during the interview. However, a district employee may be present prior to the interview if the employee believes that his or her temporary presence will make the student more comfortable or if the representatives request the presence of a district employee during the interview.

As to all other interviews/interrogations of Broken Arrow Public Schools' students by police, legal or governmental authorities on School District property, the school principal or designee will make a reasonable effort to notify the student's parent or guardian prior to the interview/interrogation. However, an interview/interrogation may proceed even when District personnel are unable to contact the parent or guardian. Any objection to the interview/interrogation by the student's parent or guardian will be handled between the parent or guardian and the police, legal or other governmental authorities. If an interview/interrogation is to take place on school property, the school principal or designee will make a reasonable effort to arrange the setting in a manner that minimizes embarrassment to the child. One or more school employees will be present during the interview/interrogation, but will not participate in the interview/interrogation of the student. The sole responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable procedural and substantive rights afforded the child by federal, state or local law rests with the police, legal or other governmental authorities conducting the interview/interrogation.

The police, legal or other governmental authorities will notify the school principal or designee before removing a student from school property. The school principal or designee will notify the student's parent or legal guardian of the removal as soon as possible.

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