

RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

Investigations by Law Enforcement Officers at School

When it becomes necessary for any law enforcement officer to interrogate a student on school premises, the principal shall be contacted immediately. The principal or his/her designee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent or guardian and have the parent or guardian in attendance for the conference.

If contact is established and the parent or guardian objects to the interrogation, then the officer should immediately be connected to the parent for a discussion of what to do. The principal may have just cause to deny the officer access to the student until such time as the parental objection can be overcome or otherwise dealt with.

If the officer identifies a parent or guardian as the subject of the criminal investigation, especially if the investigation is of a child protective services complaint, then the step of contacting a parent should be omitted.

Assuming that parental permission has been obtained (or, assuming that parent contact must be avoided because of the nature of the investigation), then the principal (or designee) shall be present during the conduct of the interview.

Service of Process at School

Should there be a need to serve a student or school employee with any "legal process", the School Board encourages the process server to make all reasonable attempts to serve such documents off school premises; however, if the documents must be served on school premises, they shall be served at the principal's office of the school at which the student is in attendance or the main office of the facility at which the employee is assigned.

In any case in which custody or visitation of a minor child is at issue and a summons is issued for the attendance and testimony of a teacher or other school employee who is not a party to the proceeding, if such summons is served on school property, it may be served only by a sheriff or his deputy.

Development of Programs

The superintendent shall seek to develop, in cooperation with the local law-enforcement agencies, juvenile and domestic relations court judges and personnel, parents, and the community at large, programs and procedures to prevent violence and crime on school property and at school-sponsored events. The superintendent shall obtain and use the State Police Sex Offender Registry information in accordance with Policy KN.

Report to Law Enforcement Officials

The superintendent, principal, or their designees shall promptly report to local law-enforcement officials all incidents occurring on school property involving:

1. assault and battery which results in bodily injury, sexual assault, death, shooting, stabbing, cutting, or wounding of any person or stalking of any person as described in Va. Code § 18.2-60.3, on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity; or
2. any conduct involving alcohol, marijuana, synthetic cannabinoids as defined in § 18.2-248.1:1, a controlled substance, imitation controlled substance, or an anabolic steroid on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity, including the theft of or attempted theft of student prescription medications; or
3. any threats against school personnel while on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity; or

- 4. the illegal carrying of a firearm, as described by Va. Code § 22.1-277.07, onto school property;
- 5. any illegal conduct involving firebombs, explosive materials or devices, or hoax explosive devices, as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-85, or explosive or incendiary devices, as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-433.1, or chemical bombs, as described in Va. Code § 18.2-87.1, on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity; or
- 6. any threats or false threats to bomb, as described in Va. Code § 18.2-83, made against school personnel or involving school property or school buses.

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LEGAL REFERENCES: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 8.01-47, 8.01-293, 9.1-101, 16.1-264, 22.1-279.3:1, 22.1-280.2:1, and 22.1-293(B-D).

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CROSS REFERENCES:	JFC	Student Conduct
	JGD/JGE	Student Suspension/Expulsion
	CLA	Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse
	KN	Sex Offender Registry Information