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QUESTIONING OF STUDENTS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Generally, students may not be interviewed during the school day by persons other than parents and school district officials and employees. When a crime has been committed on school premises, pupils may be questioned in the school without parental consent. Should questioning lead to charges, parents will be contacted according to policy.

Requests from law enforcement officers and from persons other than parents, school district officials, and employees to interview students shall be made through the principal's office. Upon receiving a request, it shall be the responsibility of the principal to determine whether the request will be granted. Generally, prior to granting a request the principal shall attempt to contact the parents to inform them of the request and to ask them to be present.

If the child is considered to be in physical danger, the principal will defer to the investigator's judgment as to whether the student should be interviewed independently from the student's parents, whether the school is the most appropriate setting for the interview, and who will be present during the interview. The investigator must sign a paper stating the child is in physical danger.

No student records shall be produced without a court subpoena or parental consent; provided that students may give consent after reaching their eighteenth birthday.

Students will not be taken from school without the consent of the principal and without proper warrant when applicable.

Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 79-294

Cross References: 403.02 Child Abuse Reporting
504.16 Searches, Seizures and Arrests
505 Student Discipline