POLICY

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

Article I
Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures to be followed when members of Law Enforcement seek access to students while students are on school property.

Article II
Applicable Parties

This policy is meant to apply to the following parties:
- School Administration Personnel
- Enrolled Students
- Parents and Guardians of Students
- Law Enforcement Personnel

Article III
Procedures

When Law Enforcement Personnel seek to have contact with enrolled students who are on campus, the following procedure should be followed:

1. Law Enforcement Personnel should first make contact with the School Principal or Dean of Students to seek permission to come upon school property to interact with students who are on campus, whether such contact is for interview purposes only, or whether such contact is for purposes of arresting the student or serving a subpoena or search warrant on the student. The purpose of the contact with school administrative personnel is to facilitate the interaction of the Law Enforcement Personnel with the desired student without interrupting the ongoing classroom activities of the school.

2. The response of the school will be tailored to the urgency of the desired contact as asserted by the Law Enforcement Personnel. The School Administration Personnel shall facilitate the meeting of the student with the Law Enforcement Personnel in a private setting so as to not hinder continuing classroom operations, and so as to protect the privacy of all parties concerned.

3. At the same time, School Administration Personnel, while responding to the request by Law Enforcement Personnel for access to a particular student, should also assert to Law Enforcement the desire to immediately attempt to notify the
parents or guardians of the student of the request by Law Enforcement to interview or otherwise interact with the student.

4. If the Law Enforcement Personnel, however, state that they are seeking to interview the student in conjunction with an investigation of a child abuse claim, or any other allegedly potential criminal activity on the part of the student’s parents or guardian, School Administrative Personnel will refrain from any attempts to notify parents or guardians of the requested contact with a particular student.

**Article IV**

**Periodic Reviews**

To ensure that the School and Law Enforcement are operating in a manner consistent with these policy guidelines, and that Law Enforcement is not being unduly hampered in carrying out its duties, the School Administration shall seek contact with Law Enforcement to review the policy and the history of recent contacts engaged in under this policy. Modifications of the policy shall be negotiated and enacted whenever the need for change is perceived to enhance both the safety of the public in general and the safety of all students and School Personnel in particular, without causing undue delay or burdens on Law Enforcement as they attempt to perform their duties.