

INTERVIEWS AND INTERROGATIONS OF STUDENTS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Although the Eastmont School District values its relationships with law enforcement, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF,) and the Chelan-Douglas Health District, to minimize interruption of the instructional program, the District discourages interviews and interrogations of students on school premises. As a general rule, interviews and interrogations by any agency, including law enforcement, DSHS, and the county health department should take place at the agency or the student's home, rather than school premises.

However, there are limited circumstances when an interview of students at school is warranted, for example school-initiated investigations, child abuse investigations, and/or serious crime investigations. When an onsite interview or interrogation is warranted by the circumstances, the District will utilize the procedures and protocols associated with this policy, which were developed in cooperation with these agencies and ensure that students and parent(s)/guardian(s) are afforded all rights under law. The interviews of students as witnesses, victims, and suspects are treated differently.

In contrast to the limited circumstances noted above, the work of immigration agents does not overlap with the work or duties of the District. This is because the District's obligation to educate the children residing within its borders is not diminished by the children or parents' immigration status. The District supports the federal immigration enforcement policy that directs immigration agents to avoid questioning and arrests at sensitive locations, including schools. Therefore, staff shall not grant information or access to immigration agents unless/until the Superintendent and/or General Counsel determine the request complies with *Plyler v. Doe* and other applicable laws according to the criteria in the associated procedure.

Cross References:

Board Policy 3124	Removal/Release of Student During School Hours
Board Policy 3231	Student Records
Board Policy 3414	Infectious Diseases
Board Policy 3432	Emergencies
Board Policy 4310	District Relationships with Law Enforcement and Other Government Agencies

Legal References:

RCW 26.44.030	Reports — Duty and authority to make — Duty of receiving agency — Duty to notify — Case planning and consultation — Penalty for unauthorized exchange of information — Filing dependency
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	petitions — Investigations — Interviews of children — Records — Risk assessment process
RCW 26.44.050	Abuse or neglect of child — Duty of law enforcement agency or department of social and health services — Taking child into custody without court order, when
RCW 26.44.110	Information about rights — Custody without court order — Written statement required — Contents
RCW 26.44.115	Child taken into custody under court order — Information to parents
RCW 28A.635.020	Willfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property, violations, when — Penalty

Management Resources:

Policy & Legal News, December 2018

Policy and Legal News, July 2013