Interviews and Interrogations of Students on School Premises

The district encourages interviews and interrogations of students by law enforcement, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the county health department(s) to take place off school premises in order to minimize interruption to the instructional program. When an onsite interview or interrogation is warranted by the circumstances of a case, the district will utilize protocols developed in cooperation with these entities. To ensure that investigations are not impeded and that students and parent(s)/guardian(s) are afforded all rights required by law, the superintendent will establish protocols for interviews and interrogations of students on school premises. The protocols will address child abuse and neglect investigations, criminal investigations, and health department investigations.

Cross References:

Policy 3231  Student Records  
Policy 3432  Emergencies  
Policy 3414  Infectious Diseases  
Policy 4310  Working Relationships with Law Enforcement, DSHS and the Health Department

Legal Reference:

RCW 26.44.030  Interviews of children  
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  Written statement required  
RCW 26.44.115  Notice required  
RCW 28A.635.020  Wilfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property, violations, when — Penalty

Management Resources:

Policy and Legal News, July 2013  New interviews/interrogations of students on school premises policy  
Policy News, February 1998  FERPA limits student records access  
Policy News, April 2001  Compliance Office Provides FERPA Update

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