

Policy Information

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Police Agencies/Investigations on District Property

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SUBJECT: POLICE AGENCIES/INVESTIGATIONS ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

The Board recognizes the need for and desirability of cooperating with law enforcement agencies. Toward this end, any occurrence on BOCES property that is or could be a crime is to be reported immediately to the District Superintendent and to the appropriate police agency by the Building Principal. If there is a question of whether the occurrence might be a crime, the District Superintendent shall first contact legal counsel.

1. If an investigation by law enforcement agencies is requested by the BOCES, the police agency conducting such investigation has full and complete investigatory authority as permitted by law. Law enforcement personnel will be asked for identification by the Building Principal and will be requested to conduct the investigation in a manner designed to be least disruptive to the education process and in a confidential manner. It is the responsibility of the police agency to properly advise all persons of their rights under law.
2. Should a student be involved in the investigation, the Building Principal shall attempt to immediately notify the parent or guardian, unless such contact is prohibited by law.

Unless requested by the BOCES to conduct an investigation, law enforcement personnel are not permitted to speak to or interview students as part of any other investigation unless:

1. the law enforcement personnel are in possession of a valid warrant, or
2. a parent of the student grants specific permission for the student to be spoken with.

Should a law enforcement officer request permission to speak to a student, the Building Principal is to immediately notify the parent of the student. Should a parent grant permission for the law enforcement officer to speak with the student, the parent has the right to be present. Should the parent not choose to be present, or not be able to be present, but grants permission, a BOCES administrator must be present.

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