

LINE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENTS AND POLICE

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Purpose

The Board recognizes that compulsory attendance laws impose on the Board the custodianship of district students while they are present in the schools. Additionally the Board is committed to maintaining a positive working relationship with law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction over the district's schools.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that establishes guidelines for when law officials will be called to school and the actions that will follow.

Guidelines

If a situation arises that causes an immediate threat or danger to staff, students, community members or others, district employees are to contact law enforcement immediately and promptly notify their building principal or supervisor, who shall promptly notify the Superintendent.

To minimize disruption to the school environment, law enforcement agencies shall, to the extent reasonably possible, conduct criminal investigations and arrests after school hours and away from district property.

District employees shall not interfere with a law enforcement official in the performance of his/her duties.

Interrogations

When police request permission to interrogate a student at school, the principal shall inform the Superintendent, determine why such interrogation could not occur at the student's home, and attempt to inform the student's parents/guardians.

Whenever the Superintendent or designee has determined that the police have a legitimate purpose in interrogating a student within the school building, the principal or a representative shall be present throughout the proceedings.

Arrests

When the police request permission to arrest a student at school, the principal shall inform the Superintendent, attempt to inform the student's parents/guardians, and request and inspect the arrest warrant.

No student shall be released to police authorities without proper warrant and appropriate evidence or written parental permission, except in the event of emergency or for the protection of life or property, as determined by the principal.

Administrative procedure:

Procedures for contacting and cooperating with law enforcement regarding incidents/investigations involving Line Mountain School District students shall be in accordance with the procedures outlined in the applicable Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the Stonington State Police, as required by the Pennsylvania Safe Schools Act, 24 P.S. § 13-1301-A through § 13-1313-A.

The guidelines contained in the MOU with law enforcement are applicable not only to incidents taking place in school, but also to those that take place on school vehicles, school trips, and at school-sponsored activities.

In the event of an emergency, individual staff members are authorized to report incidents and request law enforcement assistance by contacting 911. The staff member making the call shall notify his/her building principal or supervisor of such a call being placed as soon as is possible following the call being made. Building principals or supervisors shall in turn notify the Office of the Superintendent as soon as is possible following a call being made to law enforcement to report an incident or requesting assistance.

Questions regarding implementation of this Policy and Administrative Guideline should be directed to the building principal.

