

The board of trustees of this district recognizes that cooperation with law enforcement agencies is essential for the protection of students, maintenance of a safe environment in this district's schools, and the safeguard of all district property.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The board believes that it is essential to hold juveniles responsible for their actions and prevent individual problems from developing into patterns of delinquency. The board supports a School Resource Officer (SRO) program to assist the district in providing a safe school environment through education, enforcement and cooperative efforts with school staff, students, parents/guardians, courts, and community service organizations. The objectives of the SRO program include the following:

- Investigation of cases involving juveniles, including situations with juveniles as witnesses or victims of crime and the use of effective alternatives to court whenever possible.
- Positive contact between local law enforcement agencies and the school community, including staff, parents/guardians and community patrons through a regular and consistent, proactive presence in schools with a preventative emphasis.
- Protection of children against victimization, gangs, involvement with criminals and other harmful influences through involvement in the site emergency planning process and collaboration with building administration.
- Facilitation of information sharing relating to criminal or legal matters impacting the academic learning environment and the safety of the school community.
- Supporting co-curricular opportunities in the classroom environment for instruction on the social and individual impact of laws, courts and the police.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

The district will also cooperate with other state and local public agencies insofar as those agencies' responsibilities and duties relate to public school students.

INTERVIEWING STUDENTS

This district will allow law enforcement and health and welfare agents to interview students, relative to child protection or criminal investigations, at school facilities, during school hours, upon notice of the need for such interview. Upon receiving notice of the need for such interview and identification of the interviewer as a law enforcement agent, the superintendent or designee will provide a private room in which the interview(s) may be conducted. No school official or staff member will be present during the interview unless requested to do so by the law enforcement agent.

School officials will take no actions to delay or otherwise interfere with law enforcement's interview, removal into protective custody, or arrest of the student.

NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS

Law enforcement is not required to notify the parent that his/her student is being interviewed relative to a child protection investigation. School officials will not notify the parent regarding the fact that the student is being interviewed by law enforcement, unless specifically requested to do so by the law enforcement agent. In the event that a parent inquires regarding the interview, the school officials will refer the parent to law enforcement.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections

33-506(1) – Organization of Board of Trustees

33-512 – Governance of Schools

Idaho Attorney General Opinion No. 93-2

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