

INTERROGATION OF STUDENTS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Generally, students may not be interrogated during the school day by persons other than parents and school district officials and personnel.

Requests from law enforcement officers and those other than parents, school district officials, and personnel to interrogate students shall be made through the principals office. Upon receiving a request, it shall be the responsibility of the principal to determine whether the request will be granted. In making this determination, the principal shall consider the welfare of the students and directives to the principal from the courts. Prior to granting a request, the principal shall attempt to contact the parents to inform them of the request and to ask them to be present.

If a child abuse investigator wishes to interrogate a student, the principal will defer to the investigator's judgment as to whether the student should be interrogated independently from the student's parents, whether the school is the most appropriate setting for the interview, and who will be present during the interview.

Students shall not be taken from school without the consent of the principal and without proper warrant.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code Chap. 232

Cross Reference: 502.10 Search and Seizure
503 Student Discipline

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