

Interviews and Interrogations of Students on School Premises

In the event that interviews and interrogations of students by law enforcement, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the county health department(s) are necessary, the district encourages that they take place off school premises in order to minimize interruption to the instructional program.

However, there are limited circumstances when an interview of students at school is warranted, for example school-initiated investigations, child abuse investigations, and /or serious crime investigations. When an onsite interview or interrogation is warranted by the circumstances, the district will utilize the procedures and protocols associated with this policy, which were developed in cooperation with these entities and ensure that students and parent(s)/guardian(s) are afforded all rights under law. The interviews of students as witnesses, victims, and suspects are treated differently

In contrast to the limited circumstances noted above, the work of immigration agents does not overlap with the work or duties of the district. This is because the district's obligation to educate the children residing within its borders is not diminished by the children or parents' immigration status. The district supports the federal immigration enforcement policy that directs immigration agents to avoid questioning and arrests at sensitive locations, including schools. Therefore, staff shall not grant information or access to immigration agents unless/until the district Superintendent and/or General Counsel determine the request complies with *Plyler v. Doe* and other applicable laws according to the criteria in the associated procedure.

Cross References:	Policy 3124 Policy 3231 Policy 3432 Policy 3414 Policy 4310	Removal-Release of Student During School Hours Student Records Emergencies Infectious Diseases Working Relationships with Law Enforcement, DSHS and the Health Department
Legal Reference:	RCW 26.44.030 RCW 26.44.050 RCW 26.44.110 RCW 26.44.115 RCW 28A.635.020	Interviews of children 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. Written statement required Notice required Wilfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property, violations, when — Penalty
Management Resources:	<i>Policy and Legal News</i> , July 2013 <i>Policy News</i> , February 1998 <i>Policy News</i> , April 2001	New interviews/interrogations of students on school premises policy FERPA limits student records access Compliance Office Provides FERPA Update

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