

POLICY: 500.10

INTERVIEWS OF STUDENTS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

The District will reasonably cooperate with law enforcement agencies and the Department of Human Services when they find it necessary to interview students at school.

When possible, such interviews should occur outside of the school setting. When in-school interviews are necessary, these guidelines are to be followed for: (a) law enforcement interviews...a student may only be interviewed at school if directed by a court order; upon receiving the consent of the parent/guardian; or if the student is eighteen years old and agrees to the interview. If the student to be interviewed is not a suspect and the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the Principal may approve of the interview if he/she deems it essential to the welfare of a student or the school; and (b) Department of Human Services interviews...an alleged victim of child abuse may be interviewed without contacting the parents/guardians. The D.H.S. investigator will determine who shall be present at the interview. School officials are under no obligation to report to the parent/guardian about the interview.

Pursuant to seeing an appropriate warrant, court order, or other legal process, school officials shall allow no student to be taken from school by law enforcement or D.H.S. personnel without the notification of the parent/guardian or unless the student is eighteen years of age and gives consent.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Iowa 232.11, 232.19, 232.71(5) and (6)

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