



NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203

Board of Education Policy 7-150

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AGENCY AND POLICE INTERVIEWS

Protection of student rights shall be balanced with the District's responsibility to cooperate with local police and agency officials in the officials' investigation of unlawful activities. Inherent in the process of cooperation is recognition of the function of the schools and respect for the civil and constitutional rights of students.

Procedures for a student interview by an agency (e.g., Department of Children and Family Services) or police official shall be developed and maintained by the campus administration.

Legal Reference: 325 ILCS 5/, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act
105 ILCS 5/10-20.64, 5/22-85
55 ILCS 80/, Children's Advocacy Center Act
720 ILCS 5/31-1 et seq., Interference with Public Officers Act
725 ILCS 120/, Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act

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Board of Education Policy 7-150 AP – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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Interviews by police.

When a police officer seeks or is requested by school administrators to interview or participate in the interview of a student at school about a school-related incident, the following procedures apply:

1. If an officer other than the Police Liaison Officer is requested, the Principal will ask that the officer have training in promoting safe interactions and communications with youth is present during the questioning
2. Unless the officer is the Police Liaison Officer, the Principal or designee will examine and verify the officer's credentials. The Principal or designee will examine any legal papers such as warrants for arrest, search warrants, or subpoenas to be served.
3. The Principal or designee will attempt to contact the student's parents/guardians and inform them that the student is subject to an interview. Except in extenuating circumstances, the parents/guardians will be provided the opportunity to be present and be represented by legal counsel at their own expense. Extenuating circumstances mean circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to believe that urgent and immediate action is necessary to prevent bodily harm or injury to any person, apprehend an armed or fleeing suspect, prevent the destruction of evidence, or address an emergency or other dangerous situation. The Principal or designee will document the time and manner of notification or attempted notification.
4. If the student's parent/guardian cannot be present during questioning, the Principal or administrative designee will ensure that a school staff member, preferably a mental health professional or staff member who is familiar with the student, is present.
5. Interviews will be conducted in a private setting.
6. The Principal or designee will document the interview proceedings and include such notes in the student's temporary records.
7. If the student's parent/guardian is not present for the interview, the Principal or designee will contact the parents/guardians again after the interview. An individual designated by the Principal will remain with the student until the parent/guardian arrives or authorizes the student to be released.
8. These procedures do not limit the authority of a police officer to make an arrest on school grounds and do not apply when a police officer issues a ticket for a municipal violation (smoking, vaping, etc.).

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