

StudentsQuestioning and Apprehension

The behavior of students, outside of school hours and away from the school grounds, is the joint responsibility of the student and parent or legal guardian rather than the public schools. However, it may sometimes be necessary for the Brookfield Police Departments to question a student regarding out-of-school activities while the student is in attendance at school. Should this questioning occur, every effort shall be made to protect the student's rights. The board of education recognizes the need to cooperate with the police and recommends the following procedures to be followed:

1. All interrogations should be arranged by the police department through the building administrator. The administrator shall be present during such interrogations if they are to take place in the school.
2. The police officer doing the interrogation should not be in uniform and the car he or she drives should be unmarked. The interrogation period should be confined to no more than one hour.
3. Parents or legal guardian of a student to be interrogated should be notified before the interrogation begins. The responsibility for any exception to this rule under unusual circumstances will have to be assumed by the Brookfield Police Department. In such cases an administrative representative of the school department shall be present. No students in K-5 shall be questioned unless their parents or legal guardian shall be present.
4. In any case involving morals, parents or legal guardian shall be notified and their permission obtained to release the student from school so that the interrogation can take place off the school premises.
5. In all cases where the police wish to remove a student from school, the administrators shall notify the parents or legal guardian beforehand and request the parent's or legal guardian's permission for release. If permission is refused, the police should be notified of this fact. If the police remove a student from the school without permission of the parents or legal guardian, the parents or legal guardian shall be notified in writing that the student was taken from the school and the school administrator refused to sanction such removal.

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6. Communications and school reports from the Juvenile Court of the State of Connecticut should be routed through the coordinator of pupil services.

(cf. 5145.14 - Student Interviews)