

# White Pass School District No. 303

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**Policy No. 4310**  
**Community Relations**

## **Relations with the Law Enforcement, Child Protective Agencies and the County Health Department**

District staff bear the primary responsibility for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools. Staff will be responsible for holding students accountable for infractions of school rules, which may include minor violations of the law occurring during school hours or at school activities.

When there is substantial threat to the health and safety of students or others, such as in the case of bomb threats, mass demonstrations with threat of violence, individual threats of substantial bodily harm, trafficking in prohibited drugs or the scheduling of events where large crowds may be difficult to handle, law enforcement or other government agencies will be called upon for assistance. Information regarding major violations of the law will be communicated to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The district will strive to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with law enforcement and other government agencies. The superintendent will meet with law enforcement, child protective authorities and health department officials to establish agreed upon procedures. Such procedures should address the handling of child abuse and neglect allegations and cases, the handling of bomb threats, arrests by law enforcement officers on school premises, the availability of law enforcement personnel for crowd control purposes, the processes for investigating possible criminal activity involving students, reporting of communicable disease cases and investigations, and other matters that affect school, law enforcement and other agency cooperation. Such procedures will be made available to affected staff and periodically revised.

Cross References:    Model Policy 3231  
                              Model Policy 3432  
                              Model Policy 3414

Student Records  
Emergencies  
Infectious Diseases

Legal Reference:    RCW 26.44.050  
  
                              RCW 26.44.110  
                              RCW 26.44.115  
                              RCW 28A.635.020

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:

*Policy News*, February 1998  
*Policy News*, April 2001

FERPA limits student records access  
Compliance Office Provides FERPA Update

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**Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies**

- A. A law enforcement officer shall contact the principal upon entering a school building.
- B. An officer may request and be granted such student information as address, telephone number, parents' names, date of birth and other directory information, if the parent or student over 18 years of age has not filed a written objection to the release of directory information. Student records protected by the federal Family Rights and Privacy Act may only be examined or released following written permission of a minor student's parent or an adult student, pursuant to a court order or subpoena, in response to a health or safety emergency, or in order to better serve the student in the juvenile justice system prior to adjudication.
- C. While the district encourages interrogations of students to take place off school premises, the principal shall permit a law enforcement officer to conduct any necessary questioning. The principal shall cooperate with the officer while he/she is conducting necessary investigations. The officer shall advise and afford a student the same legal rights as an adult and the right to have a parent present during questioning if the student is twelve years of age or younger.
- D. An officer is not required to have a warrant in order for the school to release the student into law enforcement custody. In the event a student is taken into custody by a law enforcement officer, the school will immediately notify the parent or guardian unless directed not to by the law enforcement officer.
- E. If a court has released a student on conditions related to school, including attendance, behavior or progress, the administration shall encourage the court to include as a condition of release the written permission of the adult, student or parent of a minor student to release the student's records to the court or its designee.

**Relations with Child Protective Agencies**

- A. A child protective services worker shall contact the principal upon entering a school building.
- B. A child protective worker may request and be granted such information as address, telephone number, parents' names, date of birth and other directory information if the parent or student over 18 years of age has not filed a written objection to the release of directory information. Information contained in the student's cumulative folder and any supplementary records shall be available for inspection on evidence that a student is a ward of the state.

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- C. While the district encourages interviews of a student to take place off school premises, the principal shall permit a child protective worker to conduct any questioning when child abuse or neglect is involved outside of the presence of parents. Parental notification of the interview shall occur at the earliest possible point in the investigation that will not jeopardize the safety or protection of the child or the course of the investigation. Prior to commencing the interview, the child protective services or law enforcement agency shall determine whether the child wishes a third party to be present for the interview and, if so, shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the child's wishes. Unless the child objects, the child protective services or law enforcement agency shall make reasonable efforts to include a third party in any interview so long as the presence of the third party will not jeopardize the course of the investigation.
- D. A child protective worker is required to have a warrant in order for the school to release custody of the student. However, if the child protective worker is accompanied by a law enforcement officer, no warrant shall be required. In the event a student is taken into custody, the school shall duly notify the parent or guardian unless directed not to by the law enforcement officer.

#### Relations with Health Department Officials

- A. A health department official shall contact the principal on entering a school building.
- B. A health department official may request and be granted such information as address and date of birth if the parent or student over 18 years of age has not filed a written objection to the release of directory information. Information contained in a student's cumulative folder and any supplementary records shall be available only with prior written consent of the parent or adult student pursuant to a court order or subpoena, in response to a health or safety emergency or in order to better serve the student in the juvenile justice system prior to adjudication.
- C. While the district encourages interviews of students to take place off school premises, the principal shall permit a health official to conduct a confidential interview with a student suspected of being a contact with an individual infected with a communicable disease when the interview is to be held during school hours, and the principal chooses not to release the student to travel to the health department.