

**RELATIONS WITH POLICE, LEGAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL  
AUTHORITIES – STUDENT RIGHTS IN CASES OF INTERROGATION**

The policy of Bixby Public Schools concerning relations with police, legal and other governmental authorities shall be one of cooperation. Such cooperation is necessary in the interest of the larger welfare of all citizens. To carry out this responsibility, school officials shall observe the following procedures.

The police, legal and other governmental authorities will inform the school principal or his/her designee before interrogating a student enrolled in the Bixby Public Schools on school district property. The term “police, legal and other governmental authorities” does not include agents, officers or employees of the school district, including Bixby police officers when they are serving as security officers for the school district.

Students must be released to police officers who have proper arrest authority and a valid arrest warrant. Identification of the arresting officers shall be recorded.

In child abuse investigations, at the request of appropriately identified investigators of DHS or the district attorney’s office, the school principal or designee will permit the investigators access to a student about whom DHS has received a child abuse or neglect report. The school principal or designee will arrange the interview in a manner that minimizes embarrassment to the student. School personnel will not contact the parent, guardian or other person responsible for the child’s health or welfare prior to the interview.

Unless the student makes a written request that school officials not be present, the principal or designated counselor or teacher will be present but will not participate in the investigator’s interview with the student.

*Adoption Date: November 13, 2000*