

Section: **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Policy Title: **Relations with the Law Enforcement, Child Protective Agencies and the County Health Department**

The primary responsibility for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools is that of staff. Staff shall 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. Where 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, the appropriate law enforcement agency shall be called upon for assistance. Information regarding major violations of the law shall be communicated to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The district shall strive to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with the law enforcement agencies. The superintendent and/or designee shall meet with law enforcement and child protective authorities and establish agreed-upon procedures for cooperation between law enforcement, child protective and school authorities. Such procedures should address the handling of child abuse and neglect, the handling of bomb threats, arrests by law enforcement officers on school premises, the availability of law enforcement personnel for crowd control purposes, the shared responsibility for investigating possible criminal activity by students in and around schools and other matters that affect school and law enforcement cooperation. Such procedures shall be made available to affected staff and periodically revised.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 3231 Student Records

Legal Reference:  
RCW 28A.635.020 Willfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property, violations, when — Penalty  
RCW 26.44.050 Taking child into custody without court order  
RCW 26.44.110 Written statement required  
RCW 26.44.115 Notice required

Management Resources:  
*Policy News*, February 1998 FERPA limits student records access  
*Policy News*, April 2001 Compliance Office Provides FERPA Update

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