

Bigfork School District

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Police Reports, Investigations and Arrests

Reporting

School administrators and staff are responsible for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools. Students shall be held accountable for infractions of school rules, which may involve violations of the criminal law. Information regarding possible law violations shall be reported to the building administrator and, when warranted, to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Where there is a substantial threat to the safety of students or others, a law enforcement agency shall be called upon for immediate assistance.

Investigations and Arrests

This district shall strive to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with law enforcement agencies.

When a law enforcement officer comes to school to interview or arrest a student, the officer shall be asked to report to the administrative office and remain there while the student is located. Interviews shall be conducted in a private location to ensure confidentiality. Unless the interview involves an allegation of abuse or neglect by the student's parent(s) or guardian(s), the administrator shall contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) to advise them that the student is to be interviewed or arrested. The administrator shall request the right to be present during any interview of a student on school grounds.

Cross Reference: 3421 Child Abuse and Neglect
4314 Disruption of School Operations
3231 Searches and Seizures

Legal Reference: 20-1-206, MCA Disturbance of school – penalty
41-3-202, MCA Action on reporting
45-7-302, MCA Obstructing a peace officer or public servant

Policy History:

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