

# POLICY

2012 7330

Students

## **SUBJECT: SEARCHES AND INTERROGATIONS**

The relations of the District with law enforcement agencies shall be governed by two principles. The first is the realization that the students of the District are children requiring the District's officials to act "in loco parentis" on their behalf. Therefore, the District and its officials are responsible for protecting the students under their care. Second, the District should cooperate with law enforcement agencies in their task of maintaining law and order.

In cases of violation of law on the District's property, school officials will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies in their investigations.

Police can enter schools if a crime has been committed, if they have a warrant for arrest or search, or if they have been invited by school officials. The police may search a student, his or her locker, and/or his or her effects, if they have a valid warrant to do so, or if they have sufficient cause for a search.

When police are permitted to interview students in school, the students must be afforded the same rights they have outside the school. They must be informed of their legal rights, may remain silent if they so desire, and must be protected from coercion and illegal restraint. Within the frame work of their legal rights, students have the responsibility to cooperate with the police.

Police authorities may not interview students in school buildings or use school facilities in connection with investigation of crimes which did not occur on school property. Police authorities must take up non-school crimes directly with the parents or student off school premises. If a warrant is issued for arrest of the student on school property, this warrant shall be reviewed by the School Attorney prior to the release of the student or the interview of a student. If a crime is committed on school property, school district officials shall notify the appropriate police authorities regarding the event and give full cooperation in any investigation. The police may interview students on school property in connection with crimes allegedly committed on school property.

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