

LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERVIEWS/INVESTIGATIONS

The School District of Colby supports a cooperative effort between law enforcement agencies and the school administration. All interaction will be conducted with an eye toward minimizing disruption of the normal functioning of the school.

Administrative Investigations

Building administrators or their designees shall have the authority to conduct investigations and question student dealing with the violations of school rules or violations of criminal law on school grounds.

The principal shall have the authority to request the help of law enforcement officers to help conduct these investigations. Interviews involving the policy will also require presence of school personnel. An attempt to notify the parent/guardian shall be made before the student is questioned by a law enforcement officer.

Law Enforcement Investigations

Investigations initiated by law enforcement officers for violations of criminal law off of school grounds will be held only if the law enforcement officer has the permission from the parent(s)/guardians(s) to talk with the student(s) involved.

All law enforcement officers shall have permission from the building principal or designee before they start to conduct any investigations on the school premises.

Taking a Student into Custody

The school principal or designee may summon law enforcement officers to school to take a student into custody. If this is done the school official shall make an attempt to notify the parent/guardian as to the reasons that the student was taken into custody.

If law enforcement officials request to take a student into custody for a violation of law that was not initiated by school officials they must provide school officials with a warrant of arrest. If this is done school officials shall make an attempt to notify the parent/guardian of the student.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Stat. 118.257