

Students

Series 500

Policy Title : Interviews of Students by Law Enforcement and Outside Agencies

Code No. 502.9

Generally, students may not be interviewed during the school day by persons other than parents and school district officials and employees.

Requests from law enforcement officers and from persons other than parents, school district officials, and employees to interview students are made through the principal's office. Upon receiving a request, it is the responsibility of the principal to determine whether the request will be granted. Generally, prior to granting a request, the principal will attempt to contact the parents to inform them of the request and to ask them to be present.

It shall be the policy of the Marshalltown Community School District that a [reasonably] cooperative effort be maintained between the school administration and law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement officials may be summoned in order to conduct an investigation of alleged criminal conduct on the school premises or during a school-sponsored activity or to maintain the educational environment. They may also be summoned for the purpose of maintaining or restoring order when the presence of such officers is necessary to prevent injury to persons or property. If a student is involved in a criminal offense that involves violence, weapons, harassment, theft, possession of alcohol or drugs, law enforcement officials may be contacted. Administrators have the responsibility and the authority to determine when the assistance of law enforcement officers is necessary within their respective jurisdictions. The School District's administrators shall at all times act in a manner which protects and guarantees the rights of students and parents.

If a child abuse investigator wishes to interview a student, the principal will defer to the investigator's judgment as to whether the student should be interviewed independently from the student's parents, whether the school is the most appropriate setting for the interview, and who will be present during the interview.

Students will not be taken from school without the consent of the principal and without proper warrant.

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Legal Reference: (Code of Iowa)Iowa Code
§§ 232; 280.17 (2013). 281 I.A.C.
102. 441 I.A.C. 9.2; 155; 175. 1980
Op. Att'y Gen. 275.

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Cross Reference: 402.2 Child Abuse Reporting
502.8 Search and Seizure
503 Student Discipline
902.2 News Conferences and Interviews