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QUESTIONING AND APPREHENSION

Goals

The district recognizes the benefits of a safe educational environment. Proactive and early intervention methods shall be employed to curb school violence, crime, drug and alcohol abuse and other negative detractions to the school learning environment.

General information regarding questioning of students, search and seizure, detection devices and/or surveillance devices, shall be disseminated to all parents and students at the beginning of each school year and to new enrollees at the time of enrollment.

Periodic and/or continued use of detection devices with notice may be used as appropriate.

Law Enforcement Personnel

Questioning

The principal/designee shall log all law enforcement student interviews on school premises, including the name and identifying number of the officer, the agency employing the officer, the date and approximate time of the interview whether that the principal or designee was or was not present during the interview and any other pertinent information. The School Resource Officer assigned to Chico Unified School District may act as a designee.

Apprehension

Police officers, officers of the juvenile court, and other authorized law enforcement officials may enter a school to take a student into custody or to make a lawful arrest of a student, provided that the officer shall display either an authorization order signed by a judge of the juvenile court or a warrant for the student's arrest.

An arrest warrant shall not be necessary, as provided by law.

If the student is arrested, the principal or designee shall release the student into custody of the officer and shall telephone the parent/guardian or designated responsible relative within a reasonable time thereafter.

If, after reasonable effort, contact has not been made by telephone, a letter shall be mailed to the parent/guardian on the same day the student was arrested. The letter will contain information regarding the student's release and the place to which he/she was reportedly taken.

The Superintendent or designee shall be notified within a reasonable time period of a student's arrest. This initial verbal notice will be followed by a written report by the principal or designee and shall include who, why, when and the reason for the arrest.

Subpoenas

Although police officers may serve a subpoena at school, the district believes that serving officials should be strongly urged to serve subpoenas at the home of the student whenever possible.

If service at school is necessary, every possible step should be taken to avoid embarrassment and the loss of class time for the student.

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