

**Child Abuse  
Investigation**

When a representative of the Department of Family and Protective Services or another lawful authority requests to question or interview a student at school as part of a child abuse investigation, the principal shall cooperate fully with the official's requests regarding the conditions of the interview or questioning.

**Other Questioning of  
Students**

When law enforcement officers or other lawful authorities request to question or interview a student at school for any purpose other than a child abuse investigation, the following guidelines shall apply:

1. The principal shall verify and record the identity of the officer or other authority and request an explanation of the need to question or interview the student at school.
2. The principal ordinarily shall make reasonable efforts to notify the student's parent or other person having lawful control of the student. If the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection to the notification of parents, in cases where parents are implicated, then parents may not be notified.
3. The principal or a designee ordinarily shall be present during the questioning or interview. If the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection to a third party's presence, the interview shall be conducted without that person's presence.

**Students Taken into  
Custody**

Before a student at school is arrested or taken into custody by a law enforcement officer or other legally authorized person, the District chief of police shall be notified. The District's chief law enforcement officer shall notify the principal who will verify the official's identity. The chief of police or designee shall accompany the arresting officer to the campus and ensure that proper records are kept and procedures are followed in all arrests.

The principal shall immediately notify the Superintendent and ordinarily shall notify the parent or other person having lawful control of the student. If the officer or other authorized person raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection to notifying the parents, in cases where the parents are implicated, the principal may not notify the parents.

[See FO for notification requirements by the campus behavior coordinator under Education Code Chapter 37.]