Code No. 505.5

INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES

A student may not be interviewed by non-school personnel in school unless the Principal or another staff member is present. No interview shall be granted unless the Principal deems it essential to the welfare of the pupil or the Principal is directed to do so by court order. Those persons desiring to hold an interview shall furnish proper identification.

If police officers or other officials request an interview for any issue other than child abuse, an attempt shall be made to contact the student's parents or legal guardian and to have one of them present during the interview.

If the topic of the interview is child abuse and the investigator determines that the child be interviewed independently of his or her parent (s) and the school is the most appropriate setting of the interview, school officials will allow the investigator in abuse cases to determine who will be present during the interview.

If the topic of the interview is alleged abuse by a school employee, the investigator will contact the student's parent or guardian prior to interviewing the student, and shall conduct the interview with the student's parent or guardian present.

No student may be taken from school without the consent of the building Principal and without a proper warrant. In all cases, the welfare of the child and the protection of his or her constitutional rights shall be the Principal's first consideration.

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