

INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES

It is the policy of the School District of Brodhead to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the interest of the larger welfare of all citizens. At the same time, schools have the responsibility to parents for the welfare of the students while they are in the care of the school.

Accordingly, the following guidelines are set forth to provide a common and uniform practice for School District personnel in their relationship with law enforcement agents:

1. A student in school may not be interrogated by any authority without the knowledge of the appropriate school official.
2. Any interrogation must be done in private. An official school representative will be present unless the student or parent requests they not be.
3. School officials will have discretionary authority to decide when to contact parents/guardians about an on-going investigation. Parents/guardians will be contacted before, during, or after the conclusion of an investigation.
4. It is understood that in some cases, parent/guardian contact may not be allowed by an investigating agency who has the authority to decree non-contact. Parents/guardians will not be contacted in instances of suspected child abuse or neglect.
5. A student may not be released into the custody of persons other than a parent or legal guardian, unless taken into custody by legal authority.
6. The right to inspection of student lockers, desks, and persons is inherent in the authority granted to School Boards and Administrators, and may be exercised by school officials using their best judgment and discretion.
7. Any official, employee, or agent of the School District is prohibited from conducting a strip search of any pupil.

The School District shall not discriminate against any students on the basis of any protected category under state or federal law.

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PI 9.03 (1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code

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