

## **District Relationships With Law Enforcement and Other Governmental Agencies**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with law enforcement and other governmental agencies.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to the Superintendent, all Valley School District staff, law enforcement and other governmental agencies, students, and parents and guardians.

### **Policy**

1. The primary responsibility for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools is that of staff. Staff will be responsible for holding students accountable for infractions of school rules, which may include minor violations of the law occurring during school hours or at school activities.
2. Where there is substantial threat to the health and safety of students or others such as in the case of bomb threats, mass demonstrations with threat of violence, individual threats of substantial bodily harm, trafficking in prohibited drugs or controlled substances (including marijuana/cannabis) or the scheduling of events where large crowds may be difficult to handle, law enforcement or other governmental agencies will be called upon for assistance. Information regarding major violations of the law will be communicated to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
3. The district will strive to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with the law enforcement and other governmental agencies.
  - 3.1. The Superintendent will meet with law enforcement, child protective authorities and health department officials to establish agreed upon procedures as needed to support cooperation between law enforcement and other agencies.
  - 3.2. Such procedures should address the handling of child abuse and neglect allegations and cases, the handling of bomb threats, arrests by law enforcement officers on school premises, the availability of law enforcement personnel for crowd control purposes, the shared responsibility for investigating possible criminal activity by students in and around schools, and other matters that affect school, law enforcement and other agency cooperation. Such procedures will be made available to affected staff and periodically revised.

### **Related Procedures**

N/A

### **Policy Cross References**

3231-Student Records

3421-Child Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Prevention

3432-Emergencies

4215-Use of Tobacco, Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices

5201-Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace

**Policy Legal References**

RCW 26.44.030 – Interviews of children

RCW 26.44.050 – Abuse or neglect of child — Duty of law enforcement agency or department of social and health services — Taking child into custody without court order, when

RCW 26.44.110 Information about rights — Custody without court order — Written statement required — Contents

RCW 26.44.115 – Child taken into custody under court order — Information to parents

RCW 28A.87.055 – Willfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property, violations, when – Penalty

20 U.S.C. 1232g Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

**Management Resources**

*Policy & Legal News*, April and July 2013

*Policy News*, April 2001 Compliance Office Provides FERPA Update

*Policy News*, February 1998 FERPA limits student records access

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