RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

The School Committee recognizes that a cooperative relationship with law enforcement authorities is desirable for the protection of students and staff, maintaining a safe school environment, and safeguarding school property.

School administrators and staff shall have the primary responsibility for maintaining proper order in the schools and for disciplining students for violations of School Committee policies and school rules. However, the School Committee authorizes the Superintendent/administration to seek the assistance of law enforcement authorities when they believe there is a substantial threat to the welfare and safety of the schools, students and/or staff. The Superintendent/ administration shall also inform law enforcement authorities when they have reason to suspect that a student or staff member may have violated a local, state or federal law.

The School Committee strongly discourages law enforcement authorities from using the schools as a venue to arrest and/or interrogate students for activities not related to or affecting the schools. The Superintendent/administration retain the authority to deny law enforcement access to students for non-school-related investigations.

The School Committee authorizes the Superintendent and administration to work with local law enforcement authorities to develop administrative procedures to guide interactions between the schools and law enforcement. Such procedures should safeguard the rights of students and parents, be consistent with School Committee policies, and minimize disruptions to the instructional program. These administrative procedures are subject to the approval of the School Committee.

The Superintendent shall include law enforcement authorities in the development and implementation of the school unit's crisis response plan. The School Committee also encourages the Superintendent/administration to include law enforcement authorities in the development and/or implementation of instructional programs/activities related to student safety.

Cross Reference: KLG-R – Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities Administrative Procedure
EBCA – Crisis Response Plan
JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety
JIH –Questioning and Searches of Students
JRA – Student Records

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