



Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts

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Policy:

4310 District Relationships with Law Enforcement and other Government Agencies

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District Relationships with Law Enforcement and other Government Agencies

The primary responsibility for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools resides with district 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.

However, there are times when district staff will call upon law enforcement, child protective agencies, and the county health department to ensure the safety and protection of students or staff. When there is substantial threat to the health and safety of students or others, such as in the case of bomb threats, threats of violence, or threats of substantial bodily harm, law enforcement will be called upon for assistance. Information regarding major violations of the law will be communicated to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The district will strive to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with law enforcement, child protective authorities, and health department officials. The superintendent will confer with representatives of these agencies to establish agreed upon procedures. Such procedures should address the handling/reporting of child abuse and neglect allegations/investigations; communicable disease allegations/investigations; criminal allegations/investigations, including bomb threats/other threat assessment, and arrests by law enforcement officers on school premises; the availability of law enforcement personnel for crowd control; and other matters where the work and duties of the district overlap with these agencies. Such procedures include 3432P – Emergencies and 3226P Interviews and Interrogations of Students on School Premises. The district will revise the procedures as necessary and make them available to affected staff members.

If the district engages with a school resource officer (SRO), the district will clarify its relationship with the SRO, including the SRO's purpose, role, supervisory structure, and limitations on access to student information in a written memorandum of understanding (MOU).

In contrast to the working relationships noted above, the work of immigration agents does not overlap with the work or duties of the district. This is because the district's obligation to educate the children residing within its borders is not diminished by the children or parents' immigration status. Further, the district supports the federal immigration enforcement policy that directs immigration agents to avoid questioning and arrests at sensitive locations, including schools. Therefore, staff shall not grant information or access to immigration agents unless/until the district Superintendent and/or General Counsel determine the request complies with *Plyler v. Doe* and other applicable laws according to the criteria in 3226P Interviews and Interrogations of Students on School Premises.

Child Protective Services or agencies and law enforcement are defined as stated in RCW 26.44.020. County health department means a local entity defined in RCW 70.05.010. "Immigration agent" shall mean an agent of U.S.

The Morton School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Jenna Haselwood, P.O. Box 1219, Morton, WA 98356; (360) 496-5137 (Title IX); Tami Muth, P.O. Box 1219, Morton, WA 98356; (360) 496-5143 (ADA Coordinator/Compliance Coordinator for 28A.640 and 28A.642); Becky Brooks, P.O. Box 1219, Morton, WA 98356; (360) 496-5137 (Section 504); Jenna Haselwood, P.O. Box 1219, Morton, WA 98356; (360) 496-5137 (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Compliance Officer)

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, any individuals authorized to conduct enforcement of civil immigration laws under 8 U.S.C. §1357(g) or any other federal law, other federal agents charged with enforcement of civil immigration laws, and any successors.

Cross References:

Legal Reference:

Management Resources:

Policy 3226 Interviews/Interrogations of Students on School Premises

Policy 3231 Student Records

Policy 3432 Emergencies

Policy 3414 Infectious Diseases

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 Written statement required

RCW 26.44.115 Notice required

RCW 28A.635.020 Wilfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property, violations, when — Penalty

[20 U.S.C. § 1232g Family Education Rights and Privacy Act](#)

Policy and Legal News, July 2013 New interviews/interrogations of students on school premises policy

Policy News, February 1998 FERPA limits student records access

Policy News, April 2001 Compliance Office Provides FERPA Update

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