

SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS

RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

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Investigations by Law Enforcement Officers at School

Law-enforcement authorities, including school resource officers, occasionally talk with students at school about a variety of topics, which may include illegal activity in the community or at school. Students suspected of involvement in a crime in the community should be interviewed in the presence of a parent or guardian outside of school time whenever feasible. If a law enforcement agent feels that it is necessary to conduct an interview at school with a student who is suspected of involvement in a crime, every effort should be made to inform the student's parents and delay the interview until the parents arrive. If the parents cannot be contacted and the interview cannot be delayed, the principal, or designee, shall remain present during the interview.

Service of Process at School

Should there be a need to serve a student or school employee with any "legal process", the School Board encourages the process server to make all reasonable attempts to serve such documents off school premises; however, if the documents must be served on school premises, they shall be served at the principal's office of the school at which the student is in attendance or the main office of the facility at which the employee is assigned.

In any case in which custody or visitation of a minor child is at issue and a summons is issued for the attendance and testimony of a teacher or other school employee who is not a party to the proceeding, if such summons is served on school property, it may be served only by a sheriff or his deputy.

Development of Programs

The Superintendent shall seek to develop, in cooperation with the local law-enforcement agencies, juvenile and domestic relations court judges and personnel, parents, and the community at large, programs and procedures to prevent violence and crime on school property and at school-sponsored events. The superintendent shall obtain and use Sex Offender Registry information in accordance with Policy KN.

Report to Law Enforcement Officials

The Superintendent or his designee shall be notified as soon as possible of any report to law enforcement authorities. The superintendent, principal or their designees shall promptly report to local law-enforcement officials all incidents occurring on school property involving:

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1. the assault and battery which results in bodily injury, sexual assault, death, shooting, stabbing, cutting, ~~or~~ wounding or stalking of any person as described in Va. Code § 18.2-60.3, on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity; or
2. any conduct involving alcohol, marijuana, synthetic cannabinoids as defined in § 18.2-248.1:1, a controlled substance, imitation controlled substance, or an anabolic steroid on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity including the theft of or attempted theft of student prescription medications; or
3. any threats against school personnel while on a school bus, on school property, or at school-sponsored activity ; or
4. the illegal carrying of a firearm, as defined by Va. Code § 22.1-277.07, onto school property.
5. any illegal conduct involving firebombs, explosive materials or devices, or hoax explosive devices, as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-85, or explosive or incendiary devices, as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-433.1, or chemical bombs, as described in Va. Code § 18.2-87.1, on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity; or
6. any threats or false threats to bomb, as described in Va. Code § 18.2-83, made against school personnel or involving school property or school buses.

The principal may report to local law enforcement officials any incident involving the assault or assault and battery, without bodily injury, of any person on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity.

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Legal References: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 8.01-47, 8.01-293, 9.1-101, 16.1-264, 22.1-279. 3:1 22.1-280.2:1, 22.1-293(B-D).

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	KN	Sex Offender Registry Information.