

## RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The Independence School District recognizes that cooperation with law enforcement agencies supports the education of students and is necessary for maintaining a safe environment in the District's schools and for safeguarding all school property. The District supports a positive working relationship with law enforcement officers through resource programs.

Law enforcement officials will be called to the school, in the discretion of the district, when laws may have been violated and in situations, which threaten the safety of others. Students may be interviewed by law enforcement officials in accordance with Wisconsin law, School Board policy and established procedures.

*Law enforcement officials may investigate and cite individuals for violations of traffic, municipal ordinances, or other violations of applicable laws that may occur on school grounds.*

For all student interviews with law enforcement officials conducted on school premises, law enforcement shall attempt to give prior notice to the building principal or designee. All student interviews with law enforcement officers on school premises shall be conducted in such a way as to minimize school disruptions.

By law, if the Department of Human Services requests an interview on school grounds during school hours, the Department of Human Services must be permitted to conduct the interview. The Department of Human Services may, in its discretion, exclude school representatives from the interview.

Consistent interview procedures shall be applied to all students.

LEGAL REFERENCE:	Sections	48.19 Wisconsin Statutes
		48.981
		118.125
		118.127
		118.257
		120.12(1)
		120.13
		938.396
		938.78
		48.396

CROSS REFERENCE:

APPROVED:

POLICY 882.1  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The Independence School District recognizes that law enforcement has a right to enter the school at any time. The following procedures will be followed, to the best of the ability of all parties, with consideration to extenuating circumstances and the urgency needed to investigate.

1. Conducting interviews.
  - a) Police should make contact with an administrator to set up an interview.
  - b) Police will have discretion regarding parent contact in regard to the interview. If student asks for the parents to be present, then the interrogation must wait until parents are notified.
  - c) Law enforcement will try to minimize disruption to the school. Instruction needs to be respected when coming into the building and requesting a student.
  - d) If the police find it necessary to interrogate students about possible criminal conduct or activity, the students will be informed of their constitutional rights (Miranda warning). A further explanation of these rights will be given using a printed form which they may sign if they choose. The students will be informed whether or not they are free to go.
  
2. Accessing cameras.
  - a) Police should contact a school administrator if they wish to access school cameras.
  - b) The reason to view the cameras should be stated to the administrator. Access should only be allowed to gather or review evidence in a criminal investigation. Access should not be allowed for the following reasons.
    - i) To view video of their own children.
    - ii) To determine who certain children are associating with unless it is relevant in a criminal investigation.
    - iii) To gather information for an estranged parent.
  - c) Administrators will document when and for what purpose the cameras were accessed.
  
3. Canine Search
  - a) Administration will contact police to initiate a search or police can contact administration if they have reasonable suspicion.
  - b) A canine search will be instituted by announcement informing the staff that it is a lockdown drill or procedure.
  - c) Close all doors while the drill is going on and do not allow students to leave under any circumstances.
  - d) Students and staff should stay away from windows and doors, especially interior doors and windows while the drill or search is going on.
  - e) Classrooms should function as normally as possible. Continue to teach and students should continue to learn.
  - f) There will be an announcement at the end of the drill/canine search indicating that classes.

should return to normal and students will be allowed to move to their next classes

- g) Staff can call the office if necessary but please keep calls to very serious or emergency type calls. Again an announcement will be made when the procedure or search is done.
- h) Due to the noise and poor all call announcement systems in the music and phy ed areas, administration will notify them at the beginning and end of the drill in addition to the all call announcement.