COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Relations with Law Enforcement, Child Protective Services or Agencies, and the County Health Department

District staff bear the primary responsibility for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools. 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.

In cases where staff reasonably believe a crime has been committed or 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 (including marijuana/cannabis), or the scheduling of events where large crowds may be difficult to handle, law enforcement, child protective services, or county health department should be called upon for assistance. Information regarding major violations of the law will be communicated to the appropriate agency.

The district will strive to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with law enforcement, child protective services and county health department. The superintendent will meet with law enforcement, child protective services and county health department officials to establish agreed-upon procedures for cooperation. Such procedures should address the handling of child abuse and neglect, bomb threats, life-threatening verbal or physical 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 involving students, reporting of communicable disease cases and investigations, and other matters that affect school, law enforcement, child protective services, and county health department cooperation. Such procedures shall be made available to affected staff and periodically revised.

As used in policies and procedures of the District, child protective services or agencies and law enforcement are defined as stated in RCW 26.44.020; and county health department means a local entity defined in RCW 70.05.010.

Cross References:	Policy No. 3226	Interviews and Interrogations of Students on School Premises
	Policy No, 3421	Child Abuse and Neglect

	Policy No. 3430	Emergency/Disaster
	Policy No. 3414	Communicable Diseases
	Policy No. 3600	Student Records
Legal References:	RCW 28A.635.020	Willfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property violations, when—Penalty
	RCW 26.44.020	Definitions
	RCW 26.44.050	Taking child into custody without court order
	RCW 26.44.110	Written statement required
	RCW 26.44.115	Notice required
	RCW 70.05.010	Definitions
	RCW 26.44.030	Interviews of Children
	20 U.S. C 1232g Family Education Rights and Privacy Acts	

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