

RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

Investigations by Law Enforcement Officers at School

When it becomes necessary for any law enforcement officer to interrogate a student on school premises, the principal is contacted immediately. The principal or principal's designee makes a reasonable effort to contact the parent or guardian and have the parent or guardian in attendance for the interrogation. If the parent or guardian cannot be present for the interrogation, then the principal or principal's designee is present throughout the interrogation.

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 should be served at the principal's office of the school which the student attends 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 seeks 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 obtains and uses Sex Offender Registry information in accordance with Policy KN, *Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information*.

Report to Law Enforcement Officials

Except as may otherwise be required by federal law, regulation or jurisprudence, the principal immediately reports to the local law-enforcement agency all incidents involving alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance, an imitation or controlled substance, or an anabolic steroid on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity, including the theft or attempted theft of student prescription medications that may constitute a felony offense.

Except as may otherwise be required by federal law, regulation or jurisprudence, the principal immediately reports to the local law-enforcement agency all incidents involving

- the sexual assault, death, shooting, stabbing, cutting, or wounding of any person, abduction of any person as described in Virginia Code §18.2-47, or §18.2-48, or stalking of any person as described in Virginia Code §18.2-60.3, on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity;

- any written threats against school personnel while on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity;
- the illegal carrying of a firearm, as defined in Virginia Code §22.1-277.07, onto school property;
- any illegal conduct involving firebombs, explosive materials or devices, or hoax explosive devices, as defined in Virginia Code §18.2-85, or explosive or incendiary devices, as defined in Virginia Code §18.2-433.1, or chemical bomb, as described in Virginia Code §18.2-87.1, on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity; and
- any threats or false threats to bomb, as described in Virginia Code §18.2-83, made against school personnel or involving school property or school buses

except that a principal is not required to but may report to the local law-enforcement agency any incident involving written threats against school personnel while on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity committed by a student who has a disability.

Except as may otherwise be required by federal law, regulation or jurisprudence, the principal may report to the local law-enforcement agency any incident described in Virginia Code § 22.1-279.3:1.A that is not required to be reported pursuant to the two previous paragraphs.

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Cross Refs.: JFC, *Student Conduct*
 JGD/JGE, *Student Suspension/Expulsion*
 CLA, *Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse*
 KN, *Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information*