Policy Title: **Questioning of Students**Policy #503.12

District officials and employees may interview students during the school day. Generally, a student may not be interviewed in school by persons outside of the school unless the principal or another delegated staff member is present and a parent or guardian's permission has been granted. No interview shall be granted unless the principal deems it essential to the welfare of the public, has obtained parental permission, or is directed to do so by court order.

Requests from law enforcement officers and from persons other than parents, school district officials, and employees to interview students are made through the principal's office. Upon receiving a request, it is the responsibility of the principal to determine whether the request will be granted. Generally, prior to granting a request, the principal will attempt to contact the parents to inform them of the request and to ask them to be present.

If a child abuse investigator wishes to interview a student, the principal will defer to the investigator's judgment as to whether the student should be interviewed independently from the student's parents, whether the school is the most appropriate setting for the interview, and who will be present during the interview.

No student may be taken from school without the consent of the building principal.

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