

Community Relations

Law Enforcement Agencies

The Board recognizes that district-wide cooperation with law enforcement agencies is essential for the protection of staff and students, for maintaining a safe environment in district schools and for safeguarding district property.

Police are called only upon a joint decision of the Superintendent or designee except in an emergency. Police may interview students on school property only on matters pertaining to the school and only with permission of the Superintendent or designee. No child may be interviewed unless some member of the staff or parent or guardian is present.

(cf. 5145.11 - Questioning and Apprehension)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.

53a-185 Loitering in or about school grounds: Class C Misdemeanor

54-76j Disposition upon adjudication as youthful offender.

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EAST HAMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
East Hampton, Connecticut

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Police Interrogations and Investigation Guidelines

1. When a criminal act is suspected, the school authorities should call the police. Information, without prejudice or accusation, will enable the officer to proceed legally.
2. The questioning of a student or teacher in the school or on school premises will be done only in the presence of a designated school official. The student's right to remain silent or to speak through an attorney or parent must be made known to him/her. Every effort will be made to contact and include in the interrogation the parent or guardian of the student.
3. Any contraband material should be received in the presence of witnesses, and a mutually identifiable mark be used. A receipt with witness signatures should be furnished to the owner, if known, and one demanded from the officer who takes possession. Such material is to be turned over immediately to the Principal, or designated person in the Principal's absence, who is personally responsible for holding and delivering them to the proper public authorities.
4. The designated school official will maintain an informal record of interview, recording time, place, persons and summary of incidents.

Student Arrest

In the event that a student arrest becomes necessary during the school day and on school property, the following guidelines are to be followed:

1. The police shall notify the Principal of the impending arrest.
2. The Superintendent shall be notified immediately, by phone, of the student arrest.
3. The Principal shall make an attempt to notify the parent(s) of the impending arrest.
4. The arresting officer shall meet with the Principal upon his/her arrival in the building.
5. The Principal shall submit a summary report of the arrest to the Superintendent.
6. If information is to be released relative to the arrest, the release shall be made by the Superintendent only.

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10-233a through 10-233s re student suspension, expulsion.

10-233g(b) Boards to report school violence.

10-233h Arrested students. Reports by police to the superintendent, disclosure, confidentiality.

17a-101 Protection of children from abuse.

17a-102 Report of danger of abuse.

46b-124 Confidentiality of records of juvenile matters. Exception

53-206c Sale, carrying and brandishing of facsimile firearms prohibited. Class B misdemeanor.

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Reports of principals to police authority.

New Jersey v T.L.O., 53 U.S.L.W. 4083 (1988), 469 U.S. 325; 105 S.Ct 733.

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