

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

The primary responsibility for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools is that of staff. Staff shall 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. 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 or the scheduling of events where large crowds may be difficult to handle, the law enforcement agency shall be called upon for assistance. Information regarding major violations of the law shall be communicated to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The district shall strive to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with the law enforcement agencies. The superintendent shall meet with law enforcement, child protective authorities and health department officials to establish agreed upon procedures for cooperation between law enforcement, child protective, health and school authorities. Such procedures should address the handling of child abuse and neglect, the handling of bomb 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 by students in and around schools, reporting of communicable disease cases and investigations, and other matters that affect school and law enforcement cooperation. Such procedures shall be made available to affected staff and periodically revised.

A certificated or classified school employee who has knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that a student has been a victim of physical abuse or sexual misconduct by another school employee, shall report such abuse or misconduct to the appropriate school administrator. The school administrator shall cause a report to be made to the proper law enforcement agency if he or she has reasonable cause to believe that the misconduct or abuse has occurred as required under RCW 26.44.030. During the process of making a reasonable cause determination, the school administrator shall contact all parties involved in the complaint.

Certificated and classified school employees shall receive training regarding their reporting obligations under state law in their orientation training when hired and then every three years thereafter. The training required under this subsection shall take place within existing training programs and related resources.

Legal References:

RCW 28A.635.020 Willful disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property, violations, when – Penalty

RCW 26.44.050 Taking child into custody without court order

RCW 26.44.110 Written Statement required

RCW 28A.400.317

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