

	<p>RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES, AND THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT</p>	<p>Policy No. 4310 June 18, 2014 Page 1 of 1</p>
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It is the policy of the Seattle School Board that district staff bears the primary responsibility for maintaining proper order and conduct in our schools. However, there are times when law enforcement, child protective agencies, and the county health department will be called upon to ensure the safety and protection of students or staff.

Staff will be responsible for holding students accountable for infractions of school or district rules, which may include minor infractions of the law occurring during school hours or at school activities. When violations of the law are involved, the principal or their designee may refer such matters to the appropriate legal authorities. Decisions to prosecute rest with the legal authority.

The district will strive to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with law enforcement and other government agencies. The Superintendent or his designee will confer with law enforcement, child protective authorities and health department officials to establish agreed upon procedures. Such procedures should address child abuse and neglect investigations, criminal investigations, handling bomb threats, arrests by law enforcement officers on school premises, the availability of law enforcement personnel for crowd control purposes, reporting of communicable disease cases and investigations, and other matters that effect school, law enforcement, and other agency cooperation. Such procedures will be made available to affected staff and periodically revised.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop procedures to implement this policy.

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Related Superintendent Procedure: 4310SP

Previous Policies: D78.00

Legal References: RCW 26.44.050 Abuse or neglect of child; RCW 28A.635.020 Willfully disobeying school administrative personnel or refusing to leave public property, violations, when – Penalty; RCW 10.31.100 Arrest without warrant; RCW 13.40.040 Taking Juvenile Into Custody, Grounds; RCW 13.40.140 Juveniles entitled to usual judicial rights; RCW 28A.225.060 Custody and disposition of child absent from school without excuse

Management Resources: *Policy News, July 2013*