

EPHRATA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: RELATIONS WITH LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

ADOPTED: April 25, 2005

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<p>1. Purpose Pol. 204</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility SC 1303-A</p> <p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">225. RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES</p> <p>The Board recognizes that compulsory attendance laws impose on the Board temporary custody over district students while they are present in the schools.</p> <p>Cooperation with law enforcement agencies is essential for the protection of students and staff, the maintenance of a safe educational environment, and the safeguarding of district property.</p> <p>The district shall encourage programs and activities designed to develop and promote good citizenship and a respectful attitude toward law enforcement officials.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be charged with developing a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that establishes guidelines for when such officials may be called to school and the actions that will follow.</p> <p><u>Interrogations</u></p> <p>When police request permission to interrogate a student at school, the principal shall inform the Superintendent and request, where possible, that any person conducting such interrogation be in plain clothes; determine why such interrogation could not occur at the student's home; and attempt to inform the student's parents/guardians.</p> <p>Whenever the Superintendent or designee has determined that the police have a legitimate purpose in interrogating a student within a school building, the principal or a representative shall be present throughout the proceedings.</p> <p>As a general matter, in-school interrogation of students by police will be permitted only when there are exceptional, emergent circumstances. As a general matter, in-school interrogations shall not be permitted unless there is some compelling reason why the police should have immediate access to the student and there is a legitimate reason why the interview cannot occur at the student's home.</p>
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<p>School Code 1303-A</p> <p>Board Policy 204</p>	<p><u>Arrests</u></p> <p>When the police request permission to arrest a student at school, the principal shall inform the Superintendent, determine why such arrest could not be made at the student's home, attempt to inform the student's parents/guardians, and request to inspect the arrest warrant.</p> <p>No student shall be released to police authorities without probable cause for the police to take the student into custody.</p>
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