

**Vallivue School District 139****POLICY STATEMENT**

The Board of Trustees of Vallivue School District will strive to maintain a positive relationship between the Vallivue Schools and officials of law enforcement agencies in investigative matters. The respective roles of the schools and law enforcement agencies will be taken into consideration in assisting and protecting individual children, protecting the interests of the community and ensuring the rights of all concerned.

**POLICY GUIDELINES**

1. The building principal or designee will require official photographic identification from law enforcement officials prior to allowing interrogation of students if the principal or designee is not acquainted with the law enforcement official. When a law enforcement officer from the Canyon County Sheriff's Office or local police makes an arrest on school premises, or serves a subpoena or legal warrant, the student must be released to the custody of the officer. If a law enforcement officer from any agency other than the Canyon County Sheriff's Office or the local police attempt to remove a student from the school premises, the principal or designee will contact the Canyon County Sheriff's Department or local police to verify that the release of the student should take place, prior to allowing the removal of the student.
2. If the student is to be interrogated as a confirmed witness or suspect in a criminal act. Then the principal will make a reasonable effort to contact the parent, unless otherwise ordered by a law enforcement official. At a minimum, the principal will call all of the telephone numbers provided by the parent or guardian to Vallivue School District. If the parent/guardian cannot be contacted prior to the interrogation, then parental notification will follow as soon as possible following the interrogation.
3. When a student is being interrogated as a confirmed witness or suspect in a criminal act without a parent present, the interrogation will be conducted in a private area with the principal or his/her designee present throughout the interrogation unless otherwise ordered by law enforcement officials.
4. If a student is taken into custody from the school, or if a student is kept beyond the time he/she would normally arrive at home, the principal must make a reasonable effort to notify the student's parent or guardian of the action unless specifically directed by law enforcement officers not to do so.
5. The school should make routine, non-confidential information from students' records readily available to law enforcement officials upon their request. Contents of the records pertinent to the officer's investigation are to be interpreted to him/her by the principal or his/her designee. Information such as psychological studies, medical records, and home visit reports which are normally considered confidential will be released to the law enforcement officer only with prior consent of the parent or guardian or upon

presentation of a subpoena. There may be exceptions such as suspected child abuse, where the principal may, acting for the welfare of the child, release such information.



**LEGAL REFERENCE: Attorney General Opinion 93-2; Education Law Institute: Idaho Case 948P.2D166, 130 Idaho 811, State vs. Doe (App.1997)**

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