INTERROGATIONS

The personnel of each school, whenever possible, should endeavor to handle its alcohol and drug problems. However, in instances when law enforcement is necessary, it is important that school administrators coordinate actions between police and the schools. An enlightened working relation between school personnel and law enforcement officers can help to facilitate the handling of not only alcohol and drug cases, but also the problem areas of mutual concern. Any time questioning of the student by law enforcement authority is in order, the parent or legal guardian of the student will be called provided that doing so does not unreasonably interfere with the duties of law enforcement such that justice is obstructed.

When drugs are being sold on school property, immediate action will be taken to cooperate with law officials in the apprehension of the individual or individuals responsible and in confiscation of drugs. Care must be taken however, that school personnel do not act in a disciplinary fashion when only suspicion of involvement is present.

The student's school activities should not be interrupted for police interrogation when the issue concerns activities unrelated to school time, school property, or official school sponsored functions, if such interrogations can be accomplished, to the satisfaction of the police and school officials, after school hours.

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