

## Protocols - Access to Students and Student Information

The Beaverton School District is committed to creating safe and inclusive learning environments for all students, staff and families. We welcome and educate students from all over the world. We do not collect immigration documents for enrollment in our schools.

There are specific protocols, policies and laws in place to guide schools when asked by law enforcement agencies for access to students or student information. District personnel are forbidden from using District resources to enforce federal immigration laws pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 181A.820(1).

## **Access to Students During the School Day**

**Students may not be released to anyone without parent/guardian permission.** The District has the responsibility to the individual student and his/her parent/guardian to ensure that the student's education is not unnecessarily interrupted and that their rights are protected.

- Board Policy KN/KNA addresses the District's relationship with other government agencies.
   When it is necessary for a law enforcement official (e.g. police, sheriff) to interview, detain or take into custody a student at school during school hours, special consideration should be given as to whether the matter is connected to the school, the gravity of the situation or if there is a warrant or subpoena to take the student into custody. Request identification from the official. Principal should contact District Legal Counsel for assistance.
- It is the responsibility of the law enforcement official to contact the student's parent/guardian to obtain permission for an interview in advance of any meeting with the student unless they present a warrant or petition for the student's arrest, or where an emergency or special circumstance exists to justify the immediate interview. For this purpose, school personnel shall provide the official with the telephone number of the student's parent/guardian unless the parent/guardian has filed an opt-out in their enrollment forms for the release of directory information.
- In the event that non-local law enforcement officials such as United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) presents themselves at a school, staff shall contact the Superintendent's Office or District Legal Counsel for assistance before allowing access to the student.

NOTE: The official <u>must complete</u> and <u>sign a "No Notice/Emergency Circumstances Form</u>" found online at Policy KN/KNA-AR. <u>Principal should contact District Legal Counsel for assistance</u>. <u>The interview or detention must not take place unless these conditions are met and District Legal Counsel has been consulted</u>.

## **Access to Information About Students**

All personally identifiable information about a student is protected by state and federal privacy laws. Student records protected by these laws may only be examined or released under these circumstances:

- Written permission of a minor student's parent/guardian
- Written permission of an adult (18 years or older) student
- Court order or subpoena
- In response to a health or safety emergency

All requests for student records by law enforcement officials should be **referred to the District's General Legal Counsel** who will consult with the school principal to determine if the documents can be released.

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