

BEND-LA PINE SCHOOLS

Administrative School District No. 1

Deschutes County, Oregon

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

Name: Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

Section: Community

Code: KN-AR

The District shall strive to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships with law enforcement. The Superintendent or designee shall meet with law enforcement, child protective authorities and health department officials to establish agreed upon procedures for cooperation between law enforcement, child protective, health and school authorities. Such procedures should address District emergency procedures including handling of child abuse and neglect allegations and cases, bomb threats, arrests by law enforcement officers on school premises, the availability of law enforcement personnel for crowd control purposes, the processes for investigating possible criminal activity involving students, reporting of communicable disease cases and investigations, and other matters that affect school and law enforcement cooperation. Such procedures shall be made available to affected staff and periodically revised.

The District and local law enforcement agencies recognize the tremendous value of close cooperation between school officials and local law enforcement. In addition, interaction between police officers and students leads to increased student safety. Therefore, a jointly funded School Resource Officer (SRO) program has been established to provide assigned law enforcement officers in each of our comprehensive high schools. These SRO officers will also serve the elementary and middle schools in the attendance area.

On occasion, principals may need, or be required to seek, law enforcement assistance. Any student violation of the District's weapons policy shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Child abuse also requires immediate referral to the Oregon Department of Human Services, Community Human Services, or law enforcement officials. Additionally, principals and/or designees may report to law enforcement officials other violations of law occurring on District property or at school-sponsored activities, as deemed appropriate.

In the interest of student safety, the district may, upon request, provide student names and contact information to law enforcement agencies, including the City of Bend Police Department, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police.

Cross References:

JFG-AR Student Searches and Questioning

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