

# SENECA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: RELATIONS WITH LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES/  
DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">225. RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES/ DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE</p> <p>The Board recognizes that compulsory attendance laws impose on the Board the custodianship of district students while they are present in the schools.</p> <p>It shall be the policy of the Board that district cooperation with law enforcement agencies is essential for the protection of students and staff, for maintaining a safe environment in schools, and for safe-guarding district property.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement officials that establishes guidelines for when law officials will 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, determine why such interrogation could not occur at the student's home, and attempt to inform the student's parents.</p> <p>Whenever the Superintendent or designee has determined that the police have a legitimate purpose in interrogating a student within the school building, the principal or a representative shall be present throughout the proceedings.</p> <p><u>Arrests</u></p> <p>When the police request permission to arrest a student at school, the principal shall inform the Superintendent, attempt to inform the student's parents, and request and inspect the arrest warrant.</p> <p>No student shall be released to police authorities without proper warrant and appropriate evidence or written parental permission, except in the event of emergency or for the protection of life or property, as determined by the principal.</p>
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	<p><u>Department Of Welfare Interviews</u></p> <p>It shall be the procedure of the Seneca Valley School District to permit in-school interviews of students by the Department of Public Welfare of Child Protective Service Representatives subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Agencies must report to the principal or his/her designee prior to conducting the interview with the student.</li><li>2. The principal or his/her designee shall check the identification of the person requesting permission to interview and call the agency for verification.</li><li>3. The caseworker shall "check" with the principal to review relevant information and to assist with the transition of the student back into the classroom.</li><li>4. Must call Childline.</li></ol>
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