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**Questioning and Apprehension of Students by Law Enforcement Officers on School Premises**

When students become involved with law enforcement officers, the officer is requested to confer with the student when not under the jurisdiction of the school. If this cannot be arranged, the following steps shall be taken to cooperate with the authorities:

- a. The officer shall contact the school administration and present proper identification in all occasions upon arrival on school premises.
- b. Parents or guardians shall be notified by the school administration as soon as practicable. The administration shall make every effort to inform parents or guardians of the intent of the law enforcement.

In all situations of interrogations, arrest or serving or subpoenas of a student by law enforcement officers on school premises, all practicable steps shall be taken to ensure a minimum of embarrassment or invasion of privacy of the student.

Interrogation:

- a. Officers should not enter the school premises and demand to interrogate any student. However, a spirit of cooperation will be extended to any bonafide law enforcement officer who comes to school seeking to interrogate students in accordance with the above guidelines.
- b. Officers have no right to remove a student from the school for purposes of interrogation, and this will not be allowed in the absence of the specific consent of parent or guardian or proper judicial authority or those cases specifically authorized by Georgia law.

Removal from campus:

- a. Law enforcement officers will be permitted to enter the school to take a student into custody or to make a lawful arrest of a student. However, the officer should have proper judicial authorization to take the student into custody, or a warrant for the student's arrest or as specifically authorized by Georgia law.
- b. No student shall be released to law enforcement officers without proper warrant, appropriate evidence of judicial authority or written parental permission except in the event of emergency or for the protection of life or property as determined by the administration or those cases specifically authorized by Georgia Law.

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Note the following exception: An SRO (School Resource Officer), in an emergency declared by the Principal, may transport a student to the student's residence or to a place and person designated by the parent or guardian. If a parent or guardian or other designated person is not present to receive the student the student shall be returned to school.

- c. When the officers seek to arrest a student on school premises, the school administration shall:
  - 1. Request and inspect the arrest warrant;
  - 2. To the degree possible, determine why such arrests could not be made at the student's home;
  - 3. Attempt to inform the student's parents immediately; and
  - 4. Inform the Executive Director's office.

Subpoena:

Law enforcement officers shall be permitted to serve a subpoena on school premises. However, they are strongly urged to serve such subpoenas at the home of the student whenever possible.

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