

NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

SERIES 1000: STUDENTS

P1150

RELATIONS WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES

It is the policy of the Board of Education to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the interest of the welfare of all citizens. At the same time, the school system has the responsibility for the welfare of the students while they are in the care of the schools. To carry out this responsibility, school officials shall observe the following:

A student is not immune from the law by virtue of his/her status as a student, nor is the school building a sanctuary from the law or from the proper actions of law enforcement personnel. Whenever the police have probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed or when they have a search warrant or an arrest warrant, they shall be admitted to a school in the exercise of their designated authority.

In other situations, however, the interest of the individual, the students at large, and the school community may best be served by entrusting primary responsibility for the maintenance of order to school personnel. The superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, shall have the authority, except as noted, to exclude the police from the school when police intervention is considered unwarranted.

In the event of the necessity of police interrogation of a student on school property during normal school hours, such interrogation shall be conducted in private and in the presence of a member of the school administration. In addition, the principal shall make a reasonable effort to inform parents that such interrogation is to take place.

It is expected that any municipal or state police department which arrests a student who is enrolled in the North Branford Public Schools for a felony or Class A misdemeanor, shall notify the Superintendent of Schools orally within 24 hours, and in writing, within 72 hours of the arrest. Such information shall be kept confidential in accordance with C.G.S. §46b-124.

Legal Reference: C.G.S. §10-221 (Board of education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures)
C.G.S. §§10-233a-e (Suspension and expulsion procedures)
C.G.S. §10-233g (Arrested students/students on probation)
C.G.S. §10-233h (Arrested students/reports by police)
C.G.S. §10-233j (Student in possession and use of telecommunication devices)

Policy adopted: 1/16/03