

RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES

GRA
(LOCAL)

CHILD ABUSE
INVESTIGATION

When a representative of the Department of Family and Protective Services or another lawful authority ~~REQUESTS~~^{desires} to question or interview a student at school as part of a child abuse investigation, the principal shall cooperate fully with the official's requests regarding the conditions of the interview or questioning. When the principal determines that a staff member should be present during the investigation, the principal shall make the request. If the request is denied, the principal shall abide by the investigative agency's response to the request.

OTHER QUESTIONING
OF STUDENTS

When law enforcement officers or other lawful authorities ~~REQUEST~~^{desire} to question or interview a student at school for any purpose other than a child abuse investigation, the following guidelines shall apply:

1. The principal shall verify and record the identity of the officer or other authority and request an explanation of the need to question or interview the student at school.
2. The principal ordinarily shall make reasonable efforts to notify the student's parents or other person having lawful control of the student. If the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection to the notification, such as that the parents ~~are~~^{are} ~~IS~~ under investigation, the parents shall not be notified.
3. The principal or a designee ordinarily shall be present during the questioning or interview. If the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection to a third party's presence, the interview shall be conducted without that person's presence.

STUDENTS TAKEN
INTO CUSTODY

Before a student at school is arrested or taken into custody by a law enforcement officer or other legally authorized person, the principal shall verify the official's identity. To the best of his or her ability, the principal shall verify the official's authority to take custody of the student ~~[see GRA]~~ and then shall deliver over the student.

The principal shall immediately notify the Superintendent and ordinarily shall notify the parents or other person having lawful control of the student. If the officer or other authorized person raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection to notifying the parents at that time, the principal shall not notify the **PARENT**.

[SEE FO FOR NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS BY THE CAMPUS BEHAVIOR COORDINATOR UNDER EDUCATION CODE CHAPTER 37.]~~parents~~