

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE  
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POLICIES AND REGULATIONS  
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**RELATIONS WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES**

The schools have the legal custody of pupils during the school day and during the hours of approved extra-curricular activities. It is therefore the responsibility of the school administration to protect each student under its control, assuring that his/her legal rights are not violated. It is, however, the policy of Big Horn County School District Number One to cooperate with law enforcement agencies in the interest of the larger welfare of all citizens.

In the event there arises the need for the police to question a student while in school the following guidelines will be followed:

- a. A student in school should not be questioned by any police authority without the knowledge of a school official. In the event an interrogation must be done at school it should be done in private with a school official representative present.
- b. The pupil will be made aware of his/her rights to remain silent or speak through an attorney or parent. This does not preclude a school official from questioning a student prior to reporting the suspected criminal act to the police.
- c. A school official shall make every effort to contact the parent or guardian of the child.
- d. Students should not be released into the custody of any persons other than a parent or legal guardian unless placed under arrest by legal authorities.

When a criminal act is suspected to have occurred at school, the school authorities should call the police. Information, without prejudice or accusations, enable the officer to proceed legally. While the school is responsible for protecting each student under its control, it is also responsible to develop an effective working relationship with law enforcement officials.

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