

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Police Authorities

It is the policy of the schools to cooperate with federal, state and local police agencies in the prevention and investigation of unlawful activities. This cooperation is contingent upon respect for the civil and constitutional rights of students and employees as well as the interests and concerns of parent(s)/guardian(s).

Interrogations or interviews by police authorities shall be completed in private and a school district representative may be present. In cases where a student is interrogated or interviewed, his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) must be notified before the commencement of the interrogation or interview and be given reasonable opportunity to attend unless there is good cause why this would be inappropriate. Good cause can include, but is not limited to, situations where the life, safety or well-being of the child might be compromised by the presence of the parent(s)/guardian or in an emergency situation when the health or safety of other members of the public or school community might be threatened before the parent(s)/guardian(s) can be notified. The school representative present at the interrogation or interview may maintain an informal record of the proceedings.

The District shall coordinate a program with the Northfield Police Department which emphasizes safety, security, the dangers of substance abuse, and the nature of police work.