

## COOPERATION WITH POLICY AUTHORITIES

The Board of Education recognizes the appropriateness of cooperation with law enforcement officials in the investigation of criminal activity. The Board also recognizes its responsibility for the welfare of students while they are in attendance at school. In furtherance of these objectives, school officials shall observe the following:

1. Students are not immune from criminal prosecution by virtue of their status as students nor is the school building to be considered a sanctuary from criminal prosecution or a refuge from the proper activities of law enforcement personnel. Consequently, whenever a police officer is in "hot pursuit" of a person suspected of criminal activity based upon probable cause or when an officer has a search warrant or an arrest warrant, the officer shall be admitted to school property in the exercise of his/her official duties.
2. Under other circumstances, however, educational interests may best be served by entrusting primary responsibility for the maintenance of order to school personnel. Thus, an administrator shall have the authority, except as noted above, to limit police involvement on school property when such involvement is considered unwarranted or inappropriate in light of the educational interests and welfare of students.
3. Consistent with requirements of state law, LEARN's cooperation with law enforcement officials shall include the obligation of employees to turn over physical evidence indicating the commission of a crime to appropriate law enforcement officials or to an administrator within two (2) school days after receipt of such physical evidence.
  - a. When such evidence is received by the administrator, it shall be then turned over to appropriate law enforcement officials within three (3) school days of the receipt by the administrator.
4. The Executive Director is directed to establish lines of communication with local law enforcement officials in order to effect the cooperation needed for the security of school facilities and the safety of students and staff.
  - a. A criminal act is, by its very nature, a police matter. School personnel who have knowledge of incidents of a criminal nature should report this information to administrator. The administrator shall report such information to the applicable law enforcement agencies.
  - b. In effecting such cooperation, however, the right of professional employees of LEARN to maintain the confidentiality of certain communications with students as set forth in Connecticut General Statutes, 10-154a shall be given recognition.
5. When a pupil is released from a LEARN program pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, 10-233d for possession of a firearm or deadly weapon the Executive Director shall report the violation to appropriate law enforcement officials and the student's district.

Statutory references:

Connecticut General Statutes 10-154a; 10-221; 10-233d

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