

## Board Policy

Code No. 502.9

### INTERVIEWS OF STUDENTS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Generally, students may not be interviewed during the school day by persons other than parents and school district officials and employees.

A student may not be interviewed during the school day or periods of extracurricular activities unless the principal or another delegated staff member is present when possible. No interview shall be granted unless the principal deems it essential to the welfare of the pupil or the pupil is directed to do so by court order.

If police officers or other officers desire to interrogate a student, they must have the written permission of the student's parents, except for matters regarding traffic violations.

If police officers or other officials request an interview for any issue other than child abuse, an attempt shall be made to contact the student's parents or legal guardian and to have one of them present during the interview.

If a child abuse investigator wishes to interview a student, the principal will defer to the investigator's judgment as to whether the student should be interviewed independently from the student's parents, whether the school is the most appropriate setting for the interview, and who will be present during the interview.

No student may be taken from the school without the consent of the building principal and without a proper warrant. In all cases, the welfare of the child and the protection of the child's constitutional rights shall be the principal's first consideration.

*Legal Reference:* Iowa Code §§ 232; 280.17 (2011).  
281 I.A.C. 102.  
441 I.A.C. 9.2; 155; 175.  
1980 Op. Att'y Gen. 275.

*Cross Reference:* 402.2 Child Abuse Reporting  
502.8 Search and Seizure  
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