

## **Sparta Area School District**

### Article 528 – Student Interviews with Outside Agency Personnel

The School Board encourages school administrators and District staff to work in close cooperation with law enforcement, social services and other outside agency personnel for the safety and well-being of students and staff.

Law enforcement and other outside agency personnel may interview students at school during the school day at the request of or with authorization from the building principal or designee. Every effort should be made to schedule and conduct student interviews with outside agency personnel in a way that minimizes disruption of the student's normal school day, minimizes disruption of the normal functioning of the school, and minimizes the extent to which students may be distracted from their school work and classes.

School officials will attempt to notify parent or guardian of student interviews with outside agency personnel when appropriate. School personnel shall not notify parents or guardians of a student interview conducted for child abuse or neglect investigation purposes without approval of the outside agency personnel conducting the interview.

The building principal or designee may be present during a student interview with outside agency personnel, unless the student or his/her parent or guardian requests otherwise. Outside agency personnel conducting child abuse or neglect investigations may, in the exercise of professional judgment and in accordance with department standards, exclude school personnel from the interview.

It is the responsibility of the building principal or designee to ensure fair and consistent implementation of this policy.

Legal Reference:       Wisconsin Statutes [Section 48.981\(3\)\(c\)](#) [child abuse/neglect investigations; authority to interview child without parent permission]; [Section 118.125\(2\)](#) [confidentiality of student records; allows record sharing with law enforcement and other agency officials under certain circumstances, including student health and safety]; [Section 118.257\(2\)](#) [liability exemption for student referral to law enforcement officials for alcohol and other controlled substances]; [Section 946.40](#) [refusing to aid officer]; [Section 946.41](#) [resisting or obstructing officer]

Cross Reference:               Administrative Rule 528

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