

STUDENT PERSONNEL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT INVOLVEMENT WITH THE POLICE

Police officers who are invited to school district buildings for the purpose of presenting an educational program will not become involved in other police activities, except in an emergency.

When an officer requests or is invited to question a student concerning a potentially illegal act, the parents or guardians will be called prior to questioning. Parents or guardians will be informed of their right to be present during questioning of the student. In cases where parents or guardians cannot be reached, the principal will use his/her discretion with respect to proceeding without parental contact, taking into account the severity and urgency of the situation. If the principal acts without parental consent, he/she will notify the superintendent of schools or his/her designee, preferably in advance of any police involvement.

In case when a student is out of control or is a potential danger of self or others, the principal will make a judgment about the necessity for the immediate involvement of police or medical personnel.

Note: The creation of the policy represents a cooperative effort between the Bemidji Police Department, the Beltrami County Sheriff's Department, the Bemidji School Principals and the Bemidji School District Central Administration.