

| NEPN/NSBA Code: KLG

| M.S.A.D. #12 POLICY  
| RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

| The School Board recognizes that a cooperative relationship with law enforcement  
| authorities is desirable for the protection of students and staff, maintaining a safe  
| school environment, and safeguarding school property.

| School administrators and staff shall have the primary responsibility for maintaining  
| proper order in the schools and for disciplining students for violations of Board  
| policies and school rules. However, the Board authorizes the  
| Superintendent/administration to seek the assistance of law enforcement authorities when  
| they believe there is a substantial threat to the welfare and safety of the schools,  
| students and/or staff. The Superintendent/ administration shall also inform law  
| enforcement authorities when they have reason to suspect that a student or staff member  
| may have violated a local, state or federal law.

| The Board strongly discourages law enforcement authorities from using the schools as a  
| venue to arrest and/or interrogate students for activities not related to or affecting  
| the schools. The Superintendent/administration retain the authority to deny law  
| enforcement access to students for non-school-related investigations.

| The Superintendent shall include law enforcement authorities in the development and  
| implementation of the school unit's crisis response plan. The Board also encourages the  
| Superintendent/administration to include law enforcement authorities in the development  
| and/or implementation of instructional programs/activities related to student safety.

| The Board authorizes the Superintendent in consultation with administration and local  
| law enforcement authorities to develop administrative procedures to guide interactions  
| between the schools and law enforcement. Such procedures should safeguard the rights of  
| students and parents, be consistent with Board policies, and minimize disruptions to the  
| instructional program. The Superintendent may from time to time amend those procedures  
| as necessary.

| Cross Reference: KLG-R - Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities Administrative  
| Procedure  
| EBCA - Crisis Response Plan  
| JICIA - Weapons, Violence and School Safety  
| JIH - Questioning and Searches of Students  
| JRA - Student Records

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