



Responsible Office: Office of School Police

BOARD POLICY 5120

ARREST OF STUDENTS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

PURPOSE

The Washoe County School District (District) is committed to providing an orderly academic environment for learning that promotes a safe learning environment for all District students. Incidents which jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of the school community may necessitate the arrest of students on District property. This Board Policy shall establish guidelines for the arrest of students on school premises during school hours.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Arrest" is the act of taking a student into custody and physically transporting a student to a detention facility in a manner authorized by law.
2. "Charge" is a violation of Nevada state and local laws and regulations.

POLICY

1. Arrests of students made on school property during school hours shall be done in such a manner as to avoid jeopardizing the safety and welfare of other students and District employees. The student should be removed from the premises as soon as practical after an arrest is made.
2. When making an arrest of a student on school property during school hours, the arresting officer shall:
 - a. Inform the student that they are under arrest and state the charges or the cause of the arrest;
 - b. Use only the amount of force necessary to make the arrest for the protection of the arrestee, the officer, and others;
 - c. Restrain the arrestee with proper handcuffing, as necessary;
 - d. If applicable, advise the arrestee of the appropriate Miranda Warning;
 - e. Search the arrestee and the immediate area for weapons and possible evidence;
 - f. Protect and safeguard the arrestee and his/her personal property; and

- g. Arrange for or transport the arrestee to the detention facility.
- 3. When a District school police officer arrests a District student on school property during school hours, the District school police must notify the principal or principal's designee of the student's school of the charge as soon as practical. District school police and the principal or principal's designee shall coordinate notification to the student's parent/guardian of the arrest, which should be done within 24 hours of the arrest.
- 4. The arresting office shall record in the crime report who notified the student's parent/guardian and the date of the notification. The Superintendent may adopt an Administrative Regulation to implement and maintain the purpose of this Board Policy.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- 1. This Board Policy complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), to include:
 - a. Chapter 391, Pupils, and specifically:
 - i. NRS 391.283 Policy for procedures to be followed by peace officers in arresting pupil on school grounds during school hours.

REVISION HISTORY

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