

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY 225

SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: STUDENTS AND THE POLICE
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225. STUDENTS AND THE POLICE

1. Purpose

The Board recognizes that compulsory attendance laws impose on the Board the custodianship of the public school children of the district while they are present in the schools.

2. Delegation of Responsibility

When police request permission to interrogate a student at school, the principal shall inform the Superintendent, determine why such interrogation could not occur at the student's home, and attempt to inform the student's parents.

Whenever the Superintendent or delegate has determined that the police have a legitimate purpose in interrogating a student within the confines of a school building, the principal or his/her representative shall be present throughout the proceedings.

When the police request permission to arrest a student at school, the principal shall inform the Superintendent; to the degree possible, determine why such arrest could not be made at the student's home; attempt to inform the student's parents; and request and inspect the arrest warrant.

No student shall be released to police authorities without proper warrant, appropriate evidence or written parental permission, except in the event of emergency or for the protection of life or property as determined by the principal.