

## **RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES**

### **Investigations by Law Enforcement Officers at School**

When it becomes necessary for any law enforcement officer to interrogate a student on school premises, the executive director is contacted immediately. The executive director or the executive director's designee makes a reasonable effort to contact the parent or guardian and have the parent or guardian in attendance for the interrogation. If the parent or guardian cannot be present for the interrogation, then the executive director or the executive director's designee is present throughout the interrogation.

### **Service of Process at School**

Should there be a need to serve a student or school employee with any "legal process", the Regional School Board encourages the process server to make all reasonable attempts to serve such documents off school premises; however, if the documents must be served on school premises, they should be served at the executive director's office of the school.

In any case in which custody or visitation of a minor child is at issue and a summons is issued for the attendance and testimony of a teacher or other school employee who is not a party to the proceeding, if such summons is served on school property, it may be served only by a sheriff or his deputy.

### **Development of Programs**

The executive director or designee seeks as needed, in cooperation with the participating school divisions, juvenile and domestic relations court judges and personnel, parents, and the community at large, programs and procedures to prevent violence and crime on school property and at school-sponsored events. The executive director obtains and uses Sex Offender Registry information in accordance with Policy 6006 Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information.

### **Report to Law Enforcement Officials**

Except as may otherwise be required by federal law, regulation or jurisprudence, the executive director or the executive director's designee immediately reports to the local law-enforcement agency all incidents involving alcohol, marijuana, a controlled substance, an imitation controlled substance, or an anabolic steroid on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity, including the theft or attempted theft of student prescription medications that may constitute a felony offense.

Except as may otherwise be required by federal law, regulation or jurisprudence, the executive director or the executive director's designee immediately reports to the local law-enforcement agency all incidents involving

- the sexual assault, death, shooting, stabbing, cutting, or wounding of any person, abduction of any person as described in Va. Code § 18.2-47 or § 18.2-48, or stalking of any person as described in Va. Code § 18.2-60.3, on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity;
- any written threats against school personnel while on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity;
- the illegal carrying of a firearm, as defined in Va. Code § 22.1-277.07, onto school property;
- any illegal conduct involving firebombs, explosive materials or devices, or hoax explosive devices, as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-85, or explosive or incendiary devices, as defined in Va. Code § 18.2-433.1, or chemical bombs, as described in Va. Code § 18.2-87.1, on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity; and
- any threats or false threats to bomb, as described in Va. Code § 18.2-83, made against school personnel or involving school property or school buses

except that the executive director is not required to, but may report to the local law-enforcement agency any incident involving any written threats against school personnel while on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity committed by a student who has a disability.

Except as may otherwise be required by federal law, regulation, or jurisprudence, the executive director or the executive director's designee may report to the local law-enforcement agency any incident described in Va. Code § 22.1-279.3:1.A that is not required to be reported pursuant to the two previous paragraphs. The executive director or designee may report to local law enforcement officials any incident involving the assault or assault and battery, without bodily injury, of any person on a school bus, on school property, or at a school-sponsored activity.

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 8.01-47, 8.01-293, 9.1-101, 16.1-264, 22.1-279.3:1, 22.1-279.9, 22.1-280.2:1, 22.1-280.2:3, 22.1-293.

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Cross Refs.: Pol 8002 Student Conduct  
 Pol 2030 Reporting Acts of Violence and Substance Abuse  
 Pol 8090 Student Suspension/Expulsion  
 Pol 6006 Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry Information