

## **POLICY 519 INTERVIEWS OF STUDENTS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

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### I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to maintain the primary purpose of the school district of providing an education for its students and protecting the students' interest in receiving an education while cooperating with law enforcement agencies or other agencies that require access to students during the school day in order to fulfill their legal obligations.

### II. General Statement of Policy

- A. Only a student's parent/guardian, school district employees, and/or school district agents conducting school related business may interview a student during the school day, except as required by law or allowed by this policy.
- B. A principal or school site leader may allow law enforcement officers and those other than a student's parent/guardian, school district employees, and/or school district agents conducting school related business to request an interview of a student in the following situations.
  1. Access for Interview Required  
The principal or site leader will schedule interviews required for investigations of maltreatment reports in accordance with the procedures implementing this policy. Prior to granting a request, the principal or site leader will make a reasonable attempt to contact the student's parent/guardian to inform the parent/guardian of the request only for interviews by the Minnesota Department of Education.
  2. Discretionary Interview  
For all other requests for interviews, the principal or site leader will limit access to the student to instances where other opportunities for the interview are not available and the reason for the request outweighs the student's educational interests. The principal or site leader will not grant a discretionary interview with a student without making a reasonable attempt to contact the student's parent/guardian to inform the parent/guardian of the request.

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### **Legal References**

M.S. 626.556

### **Cross References**

Policy 414 – Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Children or Vulnerable Adults

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