

CHAPTER 5.00 - STUDENTS

5.39+ - Notification of Involuntary Examination

POLICY

1. The principal or designee, shall exercise reasonable diligence and care to make contact with the parent, as defined by law, of a student who is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity and taken to a receiving facility for an involuntary examination.
2. The principal or designee may delay the notification to the parent for up to twenty-four (24) hours if the delay is considered in the student's best interest and if a report has been submitted to the central abuse hotline due to knowledge or suspicion of abuse, abandonment, or neglect.
3. Before contacting a law enforcement officer, a principal or designee must verify that de-escalation strategies have been utilized and outreach to a mobile response team has been initiated unless the principal or designee reasonably believes that any delay in removing the student will increase the likelihood of harm to the student or others.
4. The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the notification of parents and for reporting, if appropriate, alleged child abuse, abandonment, or neglect to the central abuse hotline when a student is taken to a facility for an involuntary examination. The procedures shall be contained in the *Health Services Manual*.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

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