

P6-04-006 Cooperation with Probation Officers

The probation officer is an official of the court and receives the full cooperation of the school administration. A student who is under probation has been committed to the care of the Probation Department by the juvenile court. If it should become necessary for the probation officer to take the student with him/**her** from school, this is permissible if the student goes willingly and his/**her** parents/**legal guardians** are notified.

In some cases the probation officer may wish to or be requested to interview or counsel with a student not officially on probation. Such visits are usually preventive in nature. In all cases, matters should be handled on a discreet and confidential basis and, if at all possible, a private area should be provided in which he/**she** can conduct ~~the his~~ interview with the student. The principal or assistant principal should be present as an observer. Parents/**Legal guardians** should be notified when such interviews **are conducted.** ~~occur.~~

In some cases, the Probation Department needs to request certain information **from the** ~~of the~~ schools regarding a student. Interpretation of such information by a principal, assistant principal, or school counselor should be supplied **to the extent permitted by the law** ~~fully~~ and confidentially. Refer to Policy [6-04-002](#), "Interrogation and Arrest."

The knowledge that a student has been placed on probation or is being investigated by that department should be limited to the principal, associate principal, assistant principal, and school counselor. Often it is desirable for the student to be unaware that the school personnel have any knowledge of his/her status.