

## **INTERROGATION AND ARREST OF STUDENTS**

A School Resource Officer (SRO) is assigned to each District urban high school. SRO services include policing, relationship building and education. In providing SRO services, the SRO will have access to students on a regular basis. However, if an SRO is interrogating a student who may have been involved in a criminal activity, a reasonable attempt should be made to notify the parent/legal guardian of the time of the questioning and their option to be present. ([Policy 4411](#)) A parent/legal guardian, legal counselor, or administrator shall be present during such an interrogation of a minor student or students.

Other Missoula City Police Department (MCPD) Missoula County Sheriff Department officers are required to inquire at the individual school office for a building administrator and proceed with his/her cooperation in contacting students.

The parent/legal guardian is to be notified as soon as possible when a minor student is arrested while under the jurisdiction of the school.

At no time shall an administrator allow a non-SRO to take a minor student from the school building with (1) a warrant, (2) a court order, (3) an arrest, or (4) written permission of the parent/legal guardian. A SRO may take a student from the school if such action is related to SRO services and with prior permission of an administrator and parent.