

Policies and Regulations

NEPN Code: KLG-R/STI

School/Community/Home Relations

Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities

Southeast Technical College Security

The Southeast Tech Security office is a cooperative effort of Southeast Tech and the Minnehaha County Sheriff's office. Southeast Tech security will be involved in:

- Crime reports and investigations within the school community
- Campus security
- Traffic enforcement before, during and after school in the surrounding area
- Coordination of safety efforts

Student Interactions with Law Enforcement Officers

Law enforcement officers are permitted to interview students on Southeast Tech property without a warrant under the following conditions.

1. Law enforcement officers are to contact the administrators to make arrangements before interviewing a student.
2. The law enforcement officer or the administrator shall notify the parents or guardian of minor students ahead of the time that the interview is to take place and shall invite them to be present. An exception will be made for law enforcement officers investigating a child abuse case. South Dakota Codified Law 26-8a-9 provides that law enforcement officers may interview a student without parent notification or permission when investigating a child abuse case.
3. The administrator or designee may be present during the interview if requested to be present by the student or the parents or guardian of minor students.
4. The administrator or designee will call the student to the office or other area where the interview is to take place.
5. If a student seeks out Southeast Tech security officer to explain a situation that the student wishes to make known to the liaison officer, no permission of the administrator is needed. These conversations will be shared by the Southeast Tech security officer with the building administrator who will determine whether further action or notification of the parent or guardian of a minor student is necessary.

6. Emergency cases in which the health, safety, or welfare of a student or property is at stake may require immediate action by a Southeast Tech security officer and not allow for prior permission of the building administrator. It is the obligation of the officer to notify the administrator as soon as possible in such cases.

Legal Reference:

SDCL 26-8A through 26-9

RELATED POLICIES:

JLF/STI/JLF-R/STI – Reporting Child Abuse and/or Neglect

KLC/STI/KLC-R/STI – Relations with Social Service Agencies/Investigating Child Abuse

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