
SCHOOL OPERATIONS

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Questioning of Students Policy

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Rationale

From time to time misdeeds may occur. In our school which is owned by four nations and operates in a fifth nation, there needs to be an understanding of the areas of authority of an investigation.

Policy

It is the policy of Stichting AFNORTH International School Brunssum that breaches of school regulations which are being investigated are a matter governed by the regulations of each school section and shall be conducted by the Section Head (Principal) or designate of that section according to the policy/practice of that section. In matters of security, the Director shall be involved.

Guidelines

- 1 Should an investigation of a suspected criminal offense on the base or campus be necessary, in accordance with the Security Agreement of 1988 (SHAPE – Netherlands), the Joint Force Command Headquarters Brunssum (JFC – HQ) Provost Marshall and base military police have jurisdiction. Offences outside the school and not duty related are under the jurisdiction of the Dutch civil police.
- 2 Under Dutch law, everyone has a right for consultation with legal assistance before being questioned by the police. Minors between the ages of 12 and 18 years of age have a right for legal assistance during questioning. Children younger than 12 years are not accountable for their misdeeds. Questioning by the police can take place but always with legal assistance.
- 3 Investigation of and consequences for misbehaviour on school buses falls under the jurisdiction of the section responsible for the buses. Generally, buses contracted by the directorate and operating in South Limburg, The Netherlands are under the jurisdiction of the Director while buses operating from Germany and Belgium are the responsibility of the nation employing the bus companies.

Review

This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with Policy Development and Review Policy 1020.

Cross Reference

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Legal Reference
BOG 1998, 1991, 1999, 2005
Security Agreement 1988 (Shape – Netherlands)