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## POLICE NOTIFICATION

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When certain misconduct by a student amounts to a criminal act or poses danger to the health, safety or welfare of other students and staff at a school, it may be necessary and appropriate to contact the Chicago Police Department (CPD) and to seek their assistance. The inappropriate behaviors that require a school official to notify the CPD are identified throughout the SCC by the placement of an asterisk (\*) preceding the specific inappropriate behavior. If a student engages in such behavior, a school official must contact the CPD. Whenever the school notifies the police concerning student misconduct, the school must also immediately attempt to contact the parent/guardian of that student. If questions arise concerning police notification, please consult the appropriate Area Office or the Law Department at (773) 553-1700.

However, there are other inappropriate behaviors by students where it is necessary for a school official to assess the nature of the misconduct and the extent to which the health, safety or welfare of other persons are placed in danger by a student's actions. In those instances, school officials must make a judgment call as to whether contacting CPD is appropriate. To assist school officials in making this determination, the inappropriate behaviors preceded by double asterisks (\*\*\*) are those the SCC considers possible violations of criminal law, depending on the specific facts and circumstances, and **may** require police notification. School officials should consider whether the misconduct is particularly egregious and/or the student persists in misconduct after being told to cease such behavior and continues to endanger the health, safety or welfare of others.

The discretionary exercise of a school official's authority to notify the CPD should involve the consideration of a variety of factors. Those factors include, but are not limited to:

- The age of the student engaging in misconduct;
- The extent to which the student acted intentionally or recklessly;
- Whether the student has received prior warnings; and
- Whether the student's misconduct is specifically intended to cause others physical harm or endanger the health, safety or welfare of others.

If a school official has any questions regarding the decision of whether to notify the police, he or she should contact the appropriate Area Office or, if necessary, the Law Department, as soon as possible and before notifying the police. However, at no time should the safety of students and/or staff be compromised to adhere to this provision of the SCC.

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## **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

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It shall be the responsibility of each school principal to:

- Confer with school personnel, parents and students to set expectations for positive student behaviors that support a safe, civil and respectful learning environment;
- Confer with school personnel, parents, students, and appropriate community agencies to create procedures and programs that teach, reinforce, model and review expectations for appropriate student behavior;
- Share expectations for appropriate student behavior with parents upon request or with the distribution of the SCC;
- Confer with school personnel, parents, students, and appropriate community agencies to implement evidence-based interventions that foster expected student conduct through targeted behavioral skill development;