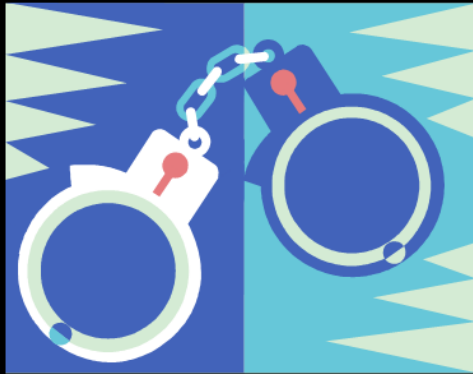


# You Have the Right...Or Do You?



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# What is this all about?

- Communication-
  - JPO
  - Campus Police
  - City Police
  - Administrators
- Topics
  - Truancy
  - Tickets
  - Searches
  - Etc. (personal stories)

We are not Lawyers and are  
just speaking from personal  
experience.

# Different Schools-Similar Problems

- Hempstead ISD
  - History Academically
  - History Behavior
- Lufkin ISD
  - One of the largest Middle Schools in the State of Texas

Through MANY conversations, we realized that administrators may not always understand what can and can't be done.

# Question to Officers

If you could clarify or point out some things about your job to administrators, what would they be?

# Purpose of School Police Officer

- Safety
- Security
- Welfare

School Officers are NOT for classroom management!

# Officer

- Transportation
  - If related to charges or ticket
  - If related to skipping or failure to attend
  - Not for transportation for discipline purposes UNLESS that is part of your school policy.

# Officer

- Counseling of a student-must be very careful due to conversation getting changed.
- Examples
  - Discussing charges that could be filed related to parents as have been filed
  - Rights of the student being discussed related to parents as “Officer Robinson told me I could legally...”

# Failure to Attend School

- School Officer gives ticket for skipping.
- School MUST follow up with charges to the court on failure to attend.
- The COURT makes the decision of enforcement.
- Juvenile Probation not involved until case sent to them by court for contempt.
- School needs to keep filing if student continues to miss

# Searches

- School Representative should do it.
- The officer can observe BUT should not actually conduct the search unless it is part of a criminal investigation.
- Always ask permission (most students will agree.)
- If it becomes a legal issue better to be safe than sorry!
- If student refuses call the parent.

# City of Hempstead

Anyone over the age of 17 is transported to jail for any criminal offense greater than a class C.

Students know this and it cuts down on behavior issues of those students over 17.

At the beginning of the year after the first fight where a 17 year old student was taken to jail we had no more fights involving older students

# Our most frequent tickets

- Disorderly Conduct-fighting or profanity
  - No student or adult is allowed to use profanity on campus
- Disruption of Class-screaming/shouting
  - Anything that happens to make the education process not continue

# Assault by Threat

- When a student or adult makes the other person legitimately fear for their safety.
- Petty ticket?
  - Better to be proactive rather than reactive
  - Creates a paper trail for a student or parent that may later cause major issues.

# Drugs on Campus

- Should police officer AUTOMATICALLY file charges?
- Drugs are not only a “discipline issue” but also a “legal issue”.
- Taking care of the small problems legally reduce the number of big problems

# Questioning of students

- Witness Statements-better if the administrator gets them unless it is part of a criminal investigation
- Must be in a specific place designated according to Juvenile Board

# Cell Phones

- Usage on campus
  - Last year continual problem
  - This year can use at lunch-cut phones being taken up.
- Viewing videos/pictures
- When in doubt call the parent

# Juvenile Probation Officers

- In situations involving youth, the police call juvenile probation to get permission to detain children.
- Circumstances have to be pretty serious to detain a child, in most cases, failure to attend is NOT a reason for detention.
- JPO, in most circumstances, are an AP or Principal's biggest asset on students .

# Communication

- Campus police officer can provide important information regarding location of students and/or the status of charges.
  - For DAEP placement
  - For removal from school
  - For jail/detention status

# Communication

- Juvenile probation officer can provide enforcement of terms of probation.
  - Attendance
  - Behavior
  - Attending Tutorials

# Relationships

- City or Local Police
  - Never be afraid to call City for assistance
- County/District Attorney
  - Make sure to follow through on minor threats to prevent major.
- Judge
  - Make sure the school and the judge communicate on importance of attendance and follow through

**Juvenile Probation Officers  
have the real power when it  
comes to dealing with youthful  
offenders.**

# Police Officers and JPO for prevention

- Presentations to student groups
- Presentations to teacher groups
- Presentations to community members
- Presence

# Questions?

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