MSD: DCFS, Child Abuse, and Neglect Investigation Access

State-authorized DCFS and law enforcement investigators may meet with students at school to investigate allegations of child abuse or neglect. The school shall require positive identification from the investigator and maintain a log of investigation requests. The investigation log shall not be placed in the student's cumulative file.

Notice to parents or guardians regarding a DCFS or law enforcement investigation is the responsibility of the investigating agency. School personnel should cooperate with reasonable requests and may be present during an interview when requested to provide comfort or support, but school personnel should not assume the role of protecting legal rights or directing the investigation. Parent or guardian inquiries about the investigation should be referred to the investigating agency.

Source: MSD Policy 6430, Persons Authorized to Access Students at School, approved 2024.