MSD: DCFS and Child Abuse or Neglect Investigation Access

State-authorized DCFS and local 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, and that log shall not be placed in the student's cumulative file. Notice to parents or guardians of a child abuse or neglect investigation is the responsibility of DCFS or law enforcement.

School personnel shall cooperate with reasonable requests from DCFS and law enforcement. If school personnel are present during an interview to provide comfort or support, they shall not assume the role of protecting legal rights or directing the investigation. Parent or guardian inquiries about a child abuse or neglect investigation shall be referred to the investigating agency.

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