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Arrests on San Francisco Unified School District Sites (Re-issue DB 16-041)

An MOU was established in 2014 with the SFUSD in order to ensure safety and foster positive police/youth engagement within primary and secondary public schools in San Francisco.

Officer Entry on School Campuses

Absent exigent circumstances, **officers should notify school officials (e.g. the principal, dean, or head counselor) of their presence and/or purpose on SFUSD property.** During the meeting between the SRO Coordinator and site principals before school starts or at the beginning of the year, the SRO Coordinator shall receive a list of school contacts to be used for this purpose.

Arrests on School Campuses

In an effort to minimize disruption to the learning environment, officers should consider the reasonableness of making an arrest on campus or summoning a student from a classroom.

When considering whether it is reasonable to arrest or summon a student on campus, an officer **shall** consider the following criteria:

- a. Whether there is an imminent threat to public safety;
- b. The seriousness of the offense;
- c. Whether the arrest or summoning is in response to the commission of a school related offense;
- d. Federal or state requirements;
- e. Whether the officer is able to accomplish the arrest by other means.

If the arrest is not reasonable given the considerations listed above, the arrest or summons of the student should be made at another time/place.

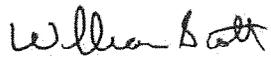
Location of Arrest, Privacy of Student, and Considerations of Campus Climate

Absent exigent circumstances, officers should coordinate with the principal or designee if, after taking into account the reasonableness of such an arrest as outlined in the previous section, they determine it is necessary to make an arrest on campus. To the extent possible, a private location, out of sight and sound of other students shall be arranged for the arrest that will help avoid invasion of the student's privacy, jeopardizing the safety and welfare of other students, and further disruption on the school campus.

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