

DIOCESE OF DES MOINES
Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations

STUDENT PERSONNEL

Juvenile Justice Information Sharing

It shall be the policy of the Diocesan Catholic School Office, under the aegis of the Bishop, that the schools may share information contained in a student's permanent record with state and local juvenile justice agencies prior to a student's adjudication. These agencies include, but are not limited to, juvenile court services, the Department of Human Services, and local law enforcement authorities. This will promote cooperation and sharing of appropriate information among parties to improve school safety, reduce alcohol and illegal drug use, reduce truancy, reduce in-school and out-of-school suspensions and expulsions. (IA Code 280.25)

- a. The school may share any information with the agencies contained in a student's permanent record which is directly related to the juvenile system's ability to effectively serve the student
- b. After adjudication, the school may only disclose students' permanent record information with parental consent or court order

Information shared is not admissible in any court proceedings which take place prior to a disposition hearing, unless written consent is obtained from a students' parent, or legal or actual custodian.

This policy only governs a school's ability to share information and the purposes for which that information is shared.

Confidential information shared with the state and local agencies must remain confidential and cannot be shared with any other person, unless otherwise provided by law.

Nothing in this policy may be construed to be in opposition to the Iowa Code.

This policy is to be published in the student handbook.

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