



Lake County Illinois

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Joint resolution approving the Reciprocal Reporting System Agreement between the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and the Board of Education of Woodland School District 50.

- The Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14(b), requires the school district, in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies, to work with the Board of Education to develop policy guideline procedures for the establishment and maintenance of a reciprocal reporting system, between the school district and local law enforcement agencies regarding criminal offenses committed by students.
- Schools consider student records as confidential under the Illinois School Student Records Act, and under the Juvenile Court Act, juvenile law enforcement records are also considered confidential. Both Acts authorize the release of records to the other in certain situations.
- In 2004, the Juvenile States Attorney's Office wrote the Reciprocal Reporting Agreement and distributed said agreement to School District's within Lake County and local law enforcement agencies, to facilitate a mutual understanding and agreement reference record sharing.
- Woodland School District and the LCSO agree to recognize and share juvenile records needed for official law enforcement and school district business according to guidelines set forth in the Reciprocal Reporting Agreement.
- During the 2017 through 2018 school year, the Sheriff's Office will be entering into Reciprocal Reporting Agreements with additional districts within Lake County.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987, 705 ILCS 405/1-7, law enforcement are considered confidential and the inspection and copying of such records that relate to a minor who has been investigated, arrested or taken into custody before his or her 18th birthday are restricted to those exceptions in the Juvenile Court Act; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois School Student Record Act, 105 ILCS 10/6(a)(6.5), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C.1232g, authorize school districts to release confidential student records and information to juvenile authorities (including law enforcement officers) when necessary for the discharge of their official duties prior to adjudication of the student and upon written certification that the information will not be disclosed to any other party except as provided under law or order of the court; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Court Act, 705 ILCS 405/1-7(A)(8), authorizes law enforcement agencies to allow appropriate school officials to inspect and copy law enforcement records under a reciprocal reporting system for certain offenses and under certain specified circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District and the Sheriff agree that enhanced communication between these entities under a reciprocal reporting agreement would promote the safety and well-being of students and community residents; and

WHEREAS, the School District and the Sheriff are authorized to enter into this agreement pursuant

to the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, the Illinois Constitution, art. VII, -10(a) et seq., and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 et seq.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Lake County Sheriff's Office hereby agrees to enter into and cooperatively adhere to the Reciprocal Reporting System Agreement with the Board of Education of School District.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on September 12, 2017.