

LABBB Collaborative Programs

PROTECT ACT POLICY

Interacting with Law Enforcement Officers Engaged in Civil Law Enforcement

LABBB Collaborative recognizes the importance of all students being known and valued, and promotes a safe, inclusive, and welcoming learning environment for all students. All of our students have the right to a free public education regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, immigration or citizenship status, disability, or sexual orientation.

On August 5, 2026, Governor Maura Healey signed into law the [PROTECT Act](#). It is now the law in Massachusetts, except as required by state or federal law or as required for the Commonwealth or its subdivisions, to administer a state or federally supported or funded program, civil arrests for civil law enforcement, including federal immigration enforcement, are not allowed on school grounds during school hours, student drop off and pick up windows, before- and after-school programming and school-sponsored events without a Judicial Warrant or Judicial Order.

The Executive Director shall immediately implement the PROTECT Act procedures consistent with the Model Procedures and the Guidance for K-12 Schools Related to Interacting with Civil Law Enforcement issued by the Governor's Office, the Executive Office of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on August 21, 2026. The procedures will promote schools that are safe and accessible for students, staff and residents.

The procedures shall be implemented, wherever applicable, in alignment with District Emergency Operations Plans, Medical and Behavioral Health Emergency Response Plans, and the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding through each member district hosting LABBB programs.

The procedures shall include:

- (i) Procedures for identifying and designating a senior administrator at the District central office to serve as the individual responsible for having primary contact with law enforcement agents engaged in civil law enforcement for the school system and the central point of contact for schools on interactions with civil law enforcement;

- (ii) Procedures for identifying and designating a senior administrator at each school and the collaborative to serve as the individuals responsible for having primary contact with law enforcement agents engaged in civil law enforcement who arrive on site at the school or request information about students, employees, or other persons affiliated with the school;
- (iii) Procedures for contacting the collaborative's attorney;
- (iv) Procedures for contacting the senior administrator at the school and the collaborative's central office in the event law enforcement agents engaged in civil law enforcement arrive on school grounds or request information about students, employees, or other persons affiliated with the school;
- (v) Procedures for documenting all interactions with law enforcement agents engaged in civil law enforcement while on school grounds;
- (vi) Procedures for notifying a student's parent(s) or guardian(s) or the student directly if the student is 18 years or older or emancipated, if a law enforcement agent engaged in civil law enforcement requests access to a student or student's information for any civil law enforcement purpose;
- (vii) Procedures following the confirmation of law enforcement agents engaged in civil law enforcement on school grounds, including notifying parents and guardians, teachers, administrators, and school/collaborative personnel;
- (viii) Procedures to confirm and update students' emergency contacts, with allowance for more than one person to be listed, and alternative caregiver plans; and
- (ix) Procedures are available for staff, students and families on the collaborative's website.

This policy and the accompanying procedures shall constitute the written emergency response plan required by the PROTECT Act.

[Procedures for Interacting with Civil Law Enforcement \(Protect ACT\)](#)