

**441—28.5(217,218) Interviews and statements.**

**28.5(1)** Releases to the news media will be the responsibility of the superintendent. Authority for dissemination and release of information may be designated to other employees at the discretion of the superintendent.

**28.5(2)** Interviews of individuals by the news media or other outside persons or groups will be permitted only with the consent of the individual or the individual's parent, guardian, or legal representative.

*a.* When a request without known prior consent is received, the superintendent or designee will not acknowledge the presence or nonpresence of an individual at the facility.

*b.* If the individual is in the facility, the superintendent or designee will make the individual or the individual's parent, guardian, or legal representative aware of the request. Notice to the individual or the individual's parent, guardian, or legal representative will be documented in the individual's record. The individual or the individual's parent, guardian, or legal representative will be free to decide whether an interview is granted.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 217.30 and 218.4.

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