



Investigation by Police in School

Schools must be safe and secure teaching and learning environments that support the intellectual, human, social, and career development of all students. The Board directs staff members to take every appropriate and legal measure to ensure the safety and security of the teaching and learning environment, including cooperation with the police when police officers are conducting appropriate investigations within the school setting.

The Board further directs that the rights of students are to be respected during all instances of cooperation with the police.

The attached procedures provide the guidelines for the police investigation of students on school premises.

In circumstances where the Director/Principal is investigating a school matter where there is a possibility of criminal activity, the Director/ Principal should follow the attached guidelines. The Director/Principal shall ensure that any statement received from the student is admissible evidence at any proceeding against the student. The student should be cautioned with respect to giving evidence to his/her own detriment.

On matters not relating to school activities, only the legal guardian of the student or a law enforcement officer shall be permitted to interview a student on school premises. Under some circumstances, as dealt with in *The Child and Family Services Act*, Child and Family Service authorities have the right to interview students in the school. Responsibilities of staff members and procedures related to investigations by police in schools are outlined in the regulation.

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