



RATIONALE:

There will be some situations when interview procedures by police must take place at the school as a result of specific circumstances. In such cases, the school will strive to maintain respectful and low-profile interactions between students and police.

PROCEDURE:

Where the police wish to interview any student on school premises, the following guidelines should be observed.

If a student is being interviewed by the police, they may request to have an adult present.

Person(s) of concern:

If interviews are to occur at school, the principal/vice principal is responsible for ensuring that an appropriate setting is made available and will assist police in determining appropriate times.

The principal/vice principal shall ensure that a parent is immediately notified except in a case where it is deemed that immediate notification would compromise student safety and the integrity of an investigation.

Police will be requested to delay any interview until the parent has been contacted and provided an opportunity to attend, unless it is critical that the interview be held without parental presence/involvement.

Consultation time will be provided for the student and the adult support person prior to the interview.

Victim(s) or witness(es):

Where the police wish to conduct an interview with a student witness/potential student witness or victim on school premises, it is not necessary to follow the procedures above; however, parents will be contacted as soon as is practical.

The principal/vice principal will attend the interview if requested by the student. The primary purpose would be to provide support for the student.

Whether the principal/vice principal attends should be determined by taking into account such factors as the age and maturity of the student and the nature of the incident.

If the student wishes the interview to be conducted in private, then that should be respected.