

Police Interviews of Students

To protect the rights of pupils while at school, students should not be generally be interviewed by police officers on school premises.

Except in emergent situations, students should not be interviewed by the RCMP while at school. Emergent situations in which the principal would allow the student to be interviewed would include the following:

- Where the principal has been assured by the RCMP that there is no question of compromising the legal rights of the student and where immediate information is necessary for quick action;
- Where an officer in the line of duty insists on interviewing a student immediately and on school premises.

Criteria to use when considering whether to allow an on-site interview are listed below.

School administration should consider the following criteria if the student is a potential witness or a potential suspect:

- If a witness, contact parents for permission;
- Ask if the student wishes to talk to police;
- Offer to stay in the room during the interview.

If the student is a suspect, or parents or students say no, then suggest that the interview occur off site.

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