



Prairie Rose School Division

Section J: Students

POLICY: JIH
SUBJECT: Student Interviews, Searches, and Arrests
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STUDENT INTERVIEWS, SEARCHES AND ARRESTS

While the Division recognizes that all parties, including students, are entitled to privacy, it authorizes school administrators or designates, whenever deemed necessary to maintain the integrity of the school environment or to protect the health and safety of students and staff, to cooperate with the police and to conduct reasonable searches of students' clothing, personal effects, electronic devices, lockers, desks and vehicles whenever there is reasonable suspicion that a student had breached a school or Divisional rule or violated the law.

Interviews by Child and Family Services Representatives

The Division recognizes that under some circumstances, as dealt with in *The Child and Family Services Act*, Child and Family Service authorities may have the right to interview students in the school.

Any apprehension of a student on school property or in attendance at a school related function shall be handled with discretion.

Any person claiming to be a Child and Family Services representative must provide credentials to the Principal as to his/her identity.

Interviews by Police Officers

The police shall only conduct investigations in the schools when it is necessary for them to do so in the proper discharge of their duties. A police officer shall be allowed to interview a student in school or on school premises only with the permission of the parents/guardians and the school administrator or designate. In the event that the parents/guardians cannot be contacted, it is left to the discretion of the school administrator or designate to permit a student to be interviewed and/or removed from the school.



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Prior to making statements to a police officer, the students shall be cautioned with respect to giving evidence which may be used to the student's own detriment.

The Principal shall make every attempt to notify parents whenever the police request an interview with students.

In the event that the police are called to deal with a school-based issue, every attempt shall be made to contact the parents/guardians and the police shall be permitted to perform their duty.

Searches by police officers

Police officers require a search warrant before they are entitled to search school premises, a student's locker, or other property, except in an investigation of an alleged offence under *The Narcotics Control Act*.

Interviews, searches and seizures shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in JIH-R, JIHA, JIHA-R, JIHB and JIHB-R.