

## **POLICE INTERVIEWS WITH STUDENTS**

If possible, police officers will interview students outside regular school hours and off school premises. If that is not possible, it is imperative that the dignity and rights of the student be respected. Disruption to the school and to students is to be kept to a minimum.

1. Upon police entry to the school or school grounds, and prior to interviewing students in the school, the School Principal or designate will immediately meet with the police officer.
2. In situations where no charges are contemplated and a minor student may have information that is required by the police, the parents/guardians will immediately be notified and asked to attend. If that is impossible, the School Principal or designate will accompany the student during the interview as their advocate. If the student is an adult, it is the choice of the student whether the parents/guardians are notified or if the School Principal or designate accompanies the student.
3. If a minor student is a suspect or if charges may be laid as a result of an interview with the police, the parents/guardian will immediately be notified and asked to attend. The interview will not take place until the parents are present. However, if the parents are unable or unwilling to attend, the minor student will be accompanied by the School Principal or designate who shall act as their advocate. If the student is an adult, it is the choice of the student whether the parents are notified or if the School Principal or designate accompanies the student.
4. If the police arrest a student, it is the expectation of the School District that the arrest will be conducted in the least obtrusive manner possible so as to avoid disruption to the school learning environment. The manner in which the arrest will be made remains the purview of the police. If the parent or guardian is not present at the time, the School Principal or designate must immediately inform the student's parent/guardian that an arrest has been made.