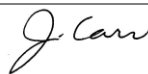




Interviewing of Students by Police Officers In Schools

Administrative Regulation 124.2

1. No person except the legal guardian of the student, law enforcement officers, or child welfare workers shall be permitted to interview students on school premises.
2. When a police officer finds it necessary to interview a student during school hours, the police officer will report to the office of the principal or designate and make known the purpose of the visit.
3. The principal shall make every effort possible to contact the parents of the student.
4. The principal or designate will bring the student to a private office where the interview will take place.
5. In the absence of the parent, the principal or designate shall sit in on interviews, other than for child protection complaints, where the child is under 12 years of age.
6. Where a student is a young person (aged 12 to 17 years inclusive), the police officer is responsible to inform the student that
 - a. the student is under no obligation to give a statement;
 - b. any statement given by him/her may be used as evidence in proceedings against him/her;
 - c. he/she has the right to consult with counsel or a parent; or, in the absence of a parent, an adult relative; or in the absence of a parent and adult relative, any other appropriate adult (over 18) of his/her choice; and
 - d. any statement made by him/her must be made in the presence of the person consulted unless he/she expressly waives that right in writing.
7. The principal or designate does not have the automatic right to be present at interviews involving students 12 year or older. The principal or designate cannot assume or state that he/she is the student's representative/advocate in the interview. The selection of person/counsel is the student's right.
8. If the student requests the principal or other staff member to be present during the interview, it is desirable that the individual complies "in loco parentis." However, the staff member is not obligated. Therefore, if the request is refused, the student may select some other adult to be present.
9. The principal or designate can request to "sit in" on the interview, as a silent observer. The police officer would then be responsible to inform the student of the request. If the student does not consent, the principal or designate may then decide:
 - a. to let the interview go ahead without the principal or designate in attendance, or
 - b. request that the interview be removed from the school premises.
10. Before removing a student from the school, the police officer should communicate by phone with the parent/ guardian and inform them of the course of action taken. If the police officer has been unable to communicate with the parent before removing the student, the principal shall notify School Operations Services immediately.

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