
TCSA Policies & Procedures

Section 4: Programs & Services / Education

Reference: 4.313

Policy Title:

RCMP Investigations of Students

Policy Statement:

The TCSA encourages and supports cooperation between school staff and the RCMP and encourages the fostering of a positive rapport between students and the RCMP. It is the goal of the TCSA to support activities that formulate partnerships with the RCMP to help meet the educational and social needs of the students. For this reason the TCSA encourages RCMP investigations involving student interviews to take place outside of the school environment. However, the TCSA recognize that under certain circumstances the RCMP may request to conduct an interview of students at school.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for a school principal to effectively work with police officers who desire to conduct an interview of a student on school property.

Procedures:

1. The RCMP shall have permission of the parent and/or guardian before a school principal will grant permission for an interview to be conducted at school;
 2. The principal must have verbal or written permission from the parents and/or guardian before a staff member may participate in an interview with a student on behalf of the parent/guardian;
 3. The principal may encourage the RCMP to conduct the interview elsewhere;
 4. The principal shall inform in writing the CEO/Superintendent of the date and time of the interview, the name of the student, the name of the investigating officer, and the fact that the RCMP made the parents aware of the interview;
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5. In circumstances where time is of the essences, and parental /guardian consent is unavailable the RCMP shall conduct the interview in conjunction with social services.
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Authorities:

TCSA Act 13; Education Act 117.

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