

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71 (COMOX VALLEY)

POLICY MANUAL

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BOARD REGULATION

Police Interviewing of Students

1. The Board will permit RCMP members acting in a liaison capacity to meet or discuss with students or informally interview them as part of the members' regular duties.
2. In the event that a member of the RCMP wishes to interview or question a student on school premises as part of formal police investigation, the administrative officer or designate shall:
 - 2.1 request that the police officer delay the interview until such time as the school can obtain the presence of the student's parent or guardian, and
 - 2.2 immediately attempt to contact the student's parents or guardians, except in unusual circumstances when requested by the police.
 - 2.2.1 These exceptional circumstances are generally limited to situations where the allegations involve the parent/guardian(s).
 - 2.2.2 In these circumstances, the RCMP will be requested to conduct the interview at a location other than the school (e.g. at the office of a social service agency), where the administrative officer or a representative of the social service agency would also attend the interview.
3. The administrative officer or designate shall attend the interview in the following circumstances:
 - 3.1 **when parents cannot be contacted or are unable to attend.** In these situations, the administrative officer or designate shall summarize the meeting in writing and provide a copy to the parent or guardian with a copy to be retained at the school in a file for that purpose, with notes being subject to the terms of *the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

- 3.2 **in exceptional circumstances listed above when parents or guardians are not contacted.** In these situations, the administrative officer or designate shall summarize the meeting in writing and retain a copy at the school in a file for that purpose, with notes subject to the terms of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.