

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board that principals promote and maintain cooperation with the police pursuant to the *Education Act*. Principals and school board staff will however remain independent from the police while fulfilling their duties as per the *Education Act*.

Where the police have the right to deal with the student directly, the Board will ensure to the extent possible, that parents or guardians are promptly informed. Where the police do not have the right to deal directly with a student, the Board shall first determine the wishes of the parents/guardians, or in the case of an adult student, the student.

Such cooperation must ensure property and protection for all parties concerned, consistent with the Education Act and related Regulations and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Rationale

The Keewatin-Patricia District School Board recognizes the importance of co-operation between law enforcement agencies and the school, while at the same time recognizing the interests of adult students, students, and their parents/guardians in all matters which could affect the student.

Guidelines

1. In emergency situations, where there appears to be a clear and present danger to:
 - a) the health and safety of individuals on school premises; and/or
 - b) the safety and/or security of school buildings and/or property,

the Principal, or designate should take whatever reasonable measures are necessary to preserve the safety of the individuals on school premises and the security of school property.

2. The appropriate procedure for Police Initiated Interviews with Students will be in accordance with the Police and School Board Response Protocol.
3. Whenever possible, it is preferable for police interviews to be conducted outside the school. The police do not have an absolute right to interview a student on school premises.
4. When in doubt or in unusual circumstances, the Principal, or designate, should contact a supervisory officer.