



DIVISION: PROGRAMS

Policy #: PROG-307

POLICY NAME

POLICE INVESTIGATIONS

POLICY STATEMENT

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (“NLESD”) welcomes partnerships with law enforcement agencies in the promotion of safe and caring schools, and encourages police visits at school activities and events. In potential criminal matters, the NLESD shall work cooperatively and collaboratively with police agencies while being mindful of its obligation to protect the rights of students under its care.

BACKGROUND

The NLESD recognizes the duty and responsibilities of school administrators and teachers to maintain safe, caring and orderly schools. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for school administrators with respect to the conduct of potential criminal investigations by police on school property.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all schools and to all students and staff under the jurisdiction of the NLESD.

POLICY DIRECTIVES

1. The school administrator has the authority to request police assistance in the investigation of an incident on school property.
 2. When a police officer accompanies a social worker from Child, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) to the school, as part of an investigation into a child potentially needing protective intervention, the school administrator and staff shall cooperate with all aspects of the CYFS investigation.
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3. In all other matters, it is generally expected that law enforcement officials conduct investigations/interviews with students off school property and outside of school hours.
4. Notwithstanding Policy Directive 3), it may be deemed necessary and/or prudent to conduct an investigation and interview a student while in attendance at school. Where a student is the subject (i.e. suspect, victim, witness) of a police investigation at school, the school administrator shall ensure that the rights of the student are protected and that every effort is made to ensure confidentiality.

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