



Policies and Procedures

Section Four – Curriculum and Instruction

409 – DISCIPLINE

409.2 – Dealing with Police

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Kelowna Christian School staff members will cooperate with police authorities and follow the procedures outlined in this policy.

Duty of Staff Members

The duty of an educator to act “in loco parentis” on behalf of a child remains a priority in dealing with police involvement with students. With incidents involving police, the school administration should be notified by attending staff as soon as possible.

Cooperation with Police

Kelowna Christian School staff are to cooperate fully with police. Where the police have the legal authority to interview students, that legal authority must be respected at all times. This will occur when the police have a warrant of arrest, a search warrant, or are in pursuit in the investigation of an offence.

Student Rights

When police wish to interview students, Kelowna Christian School staff must ensure that students are informed of their rights to having a parent/guardian/adult of choice present during the interview. If the young person chooses to waive this right, the attending staff member should ensure that such waiver is made in writing. If the police claim the right, by federal or provincial statute, to interview a student without a parent or guardian present, the attending staff member shall consent but keep a written record of the circumstances, preferably signed by the attending police officer.

Parent Notification

The school administrator or designate will make every reasonable effort to notify the parent/guardian prior to a formal interview being conducted by a police officer. However, when prior notice is not possible, notification and information will be provided to the parent/guardian as soon as possible.

Interviews at School

The school administrator or designate may permit the interview of the student to be conducted at the school, where it is to the benefit of the student, related to a school incident, or dictated by urgency. Where criminal charges are being contemplated, the interview should be conducted out of the school.