

AP 200.1: Police Investigations in Schools

1. General

- 1.1 The following provisions apply to students seventeen (17) years of age or younger.
- 1.2 Investigations of abuse or neglect shall follow regulations outlined in Policy 207 (Child Abuse and Neglect).
- 1.3 Where it is appropriate, the school administrator or designate will make every reasonable effort to notify the parent/guardian prior to an interview being conducted by a police officer. However, when prior notice is not possible, subsequent to the interview, notification and information will be provided to the parent/guardian as soon as possible.
- 1.4 It is recommended that a staff member be in attendance at the interview, unless the student chooses not to have someone present or a parent/guardian is in attendance at the interview.
- 1.5 A school administrator or a school staff member who may be responsible for implementing school disciplinary action against a student in regard to the matter under investigation, may choose not to attend the interview.

2. Interview conducted with a suspect or accused

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 It is understood that, where criminal charges are being contemplated, the interview will normally be conducted out of the school. It is the police officer's responsibility to provide the student with his/her rights under the Young Offenders Act, the Charter of Rights or legislation.
- 2.3 If the interview is to be conducted at the school, the student has the right to have present a parent/guardian, adult of choice, or no one.
- 2.4 When a staff member agrees, at the request of a student, to be the "support person," the following guidelines must be followed:
 - 2.4.1 The student has the right to consult with legal counsel.
 - 2.4.2 The student does not have to give a statement to the police and if he/she does, it may be used against the student.
 - 2.4.3 The support person consulted may be called as a witness for or against the student.
 - 2.4.4 The support person is not to elicit information from the student.