



## **INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES**

### **Interrogations**

Any person(s) claiming to be a police officer(s) must satisfy the Principal as to his/her identity.

Police officers, in the course of their duties, may find it necessary to visit a school and interview certain students. In cooperation with the police, the following procedures are to be followed:

1. Division staff shall cooperate with police.
2. The police officer shall report to the Principal and make known the purpose of the visit.
3. The Principal in consultation with the police and/or Superintendent of Schools will determine if parents are to be notified.
4. The Principal shall encourage the police to conduct the interview away from the school. In the event this is not possible or practical, the Principal will provide a private location for the interview.
5. In the event that apprehension of a student is necessary, the matter shall be handled with discretion. School-related violent incidents shall be responded to in a manner appropriate under the circumstances.
6. Before removing the student from the school, the Principal shall request the police officer to advise the parent or guardian of the action being taken.
7. The Superintendent's Department shall be advised by telephone as soon as possible if a student is removed from the school by the police. A written report to the Superintendent shall follow.

### **Searches (including student lockers)**

All student lockers are the property of the Portage la Prairie School Division and are made available for students' use at no cost to the student subject to the following conditions:

1. Portage la Prairie School Division reserves the right to inspect lockers. Lockers may be searched at any time. No search of lockers will proceed without at least two (2) school personnel authorized by the Principal being present. If articles and/or substances are found that are deemed to be injurious to the welfare of the students or the school, the Principal will determine the appropriate course of action. Consideration is to be given to the immediate involvement of the police.
2. Use of school lockers may be denied, if in the opinion of the Principal, a locker is abused or utilized for any purpose that is contrary to Division policy or violates the law. (See also JI)



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3. Where school personnel have reason to believe that a student is in possession of illegal articles and/or substances, the student may be requested to display the contents of clothing, purse, gym bag, etc. This action will be under the direction of at least two school personnel as authorized by the Principal.
4. Where illegal articles and/or substances are discovered, the student may be detained by the school authorities and the police may be summoned. Incidents involving firearms and/or drugs must be reported to the RCMP. The student will be under the supervision of school authorities until such time as appropriate action is taken.
5. A copy of this policy is to be posted on the school bulletin board and included in the Student Handbook.