

# STUDENT PERSONNEL



Island Catholic Schools

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## INTERROGATION OF STUDENTS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

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### Rationale

School authorities have a responsibility to co-operate with the police and other civilian authorities. They also have responsibility to students to function "in loco parentis" (in the place of parents) during school hours. Occasionally circumstances may develop where school officials are asked by certain authorities for permission to interrogate a student or search their locker, personal property or person.

### Policy

The school authorities will cooperate with authorized agencies in matters concerning students and officers of the law or social services, subject to:

- the school's responsibility for the well-being of the student(s).
- the proven authority of the agency and officer(s) and

The school authorities will observe and ensure the utmost confidentiality, at all times, in matters concerning students and officers of the law or social services.

### Regulation

1. The Board of Directors strongly encourages investigating officers and officials to conduct their investigation without recourse to interviews with students in school, unless they deem such interviews essential to proper investigation.
2. Interviews and searches will be conducted in a manner that ensures students' rights are protected.
3. Authorized school personnel, the legal guardian of the student or law enforcement officers shall be permitted to interview a student on school premises. In some circumstances Social Services authorities may interview students in school.

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