

FORT LA BOSSE SCHOOL DIVISION

TITLE - **INTERROGATIONS/INTERVIEWS OF STUDENTS* POLICY - JIHD***

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Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Sections 41 and 44: 1 (1)(r)(t)
Personal Health and Information Act Section 22:2(a)(b)
P.S.A. 42(2) M.R. 468/88(EEA)

Co-operation with law enforcement and child welfare agencies is desirable, keeping in mind the rights of pupils and parents. This co-operation must recognise the functions of the schools, and the expectation that the professional staff act in place of the parent.

1. Requests for interviews of pupils by law enforcement officers and child welfare officials who show proper identification, must be made through the Principal or designate, and will be permitted during the school day only if interviews during non-school hours are impossible, impractical, or would unduly interfere with law enforcement.
2. On matters not relating to school activities, only the legal guardian of the student or a law enforcement officer shall be permitted to interview a student on school premises except in the case of Child and Family Services interviews as per Part 3 of the Child and Family Services Act. (See [JIHF-R](#))
3. Interrogation of students shall be conducted with recognition of the rights of the student and in accordance with guidelines that are in compliance with the Young Offenders' Act. The escorting of the student to and from the designated meeting room should be conducted as tactfully as possible.
4. Even if the person has a right to be present in the school operated by the Board, and may be given access to a pupil, such right does not carry with it the right to have access to information in the possession of the Board, the Principal or the school. Staff should consult the specific policy of the Board related to the access to student information and files before providing any information concerning students in their care. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the onus remains upon Division staff to disclose suspected incidents of child abuse to the appropriate authority.
5. In situations where a student has already been convicted of a crime and is required to report to a parole officer, the Division will, where deemed necessary as a last alternative, allow the parole officer to meet with the student during regular school hours.

