

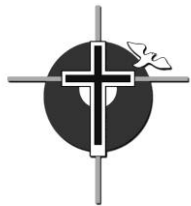


1. Purpose

The Catholic School Board of Eastern Ontario works in conjunction with a number of community agencies to provide a safe learning environment for all staff and students. The protocol for working with police is contained in the Board's **Safe Schools Resource and Administration Manual**.

2. Administrative Procedure

- 1) The following definitions will be used:
 - a) **Students Under Twelve Years of Age:** Children under the age of twelve cannot be charged with an offence under the Youth Criminal Justice Act or the Criminal Code. However, police may take reports of incidents of violent behaviour committed by children of this age group.
 - b) **Students Twelve to Seventeen Years of Age:** For those students aged twelve to seventeen years, the youth Criminal Justice Act will apply.
 - c) **Students Eighteen Years of Age and Over:** Students who are eighteen years of age or over are considered adults and the procedures of the Criminal Code will be followed if these students are charged with a criminal offence.
 - d) **Serious Offences:** In all matters involving serious criminal offences (murder, attempted murder, manslaughter and aggravated sexual assault, as per Bill C37, Amendments to the Youth Criminal Justice Act), the police will be contacted immediately.
- 2) While the Safe Schools Policy will apply to all students, consideration will be given to the child's age, individual circumstances, mitigating and other factors and level of competence in understanding the behaviour and the consequences will be determined accordingly.
- 3) In the course of providing a safe school environment, the principal may become aware of violent or illegal incidents involving school students at a location other than the school. In such cases the principal may inform the police and may inform a parent/guardian and may apply some school sanctions as outlined in the Safe Schools Policy.



ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

- 4) When interviewing a student with regard to internal disciplinary matters, the principal, when deemed satisfied that the student was responsible for the offence, will advise him/her that the police may be contacted in accordance with appropriate legislation.
- 5) All matters dealing with police involvement will follow procedures outlined in the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario's **Police Protocol** as outlined in the Board's **Safe Schools Resource and Administration Manual**.