



# Policy: Police & School Protocol

## Introduction

Violence and criminal activity in our schools are sources of concern. In the past, each school board dealt with these occurrences in accordance with agreements, both written and oral, entered into with the police agency serving its local jurisdiction. This protocol encompasses all police services, local children's services and all school boards as mentioned in the preface, thereby demonstrating our unified commitment to managing the safety and security of our youth.

## Purposes

To ensure a consistent approach in the local protocols developed by school boards and police services across the province;

To promote dialogue and the establishment of effective relationships between schools and police based on cooperation and shared understandings; and

To set provincial expectations for local protocols, while allowing police services and school boards, to address service/delivery arrangements and unique factors and/or considerations that may affect individual jurisdictions.

## Goals

Develop and maintain a safe and violence-free school environment.

Enable students to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to prevent violence and deal with potential or actual violent situations.

Encourage staff to develop the confidence and knowledge necessary to recognize and address potential or actual violent incidents and to educate students about violence and violence prevention.

Ensure that victims, potential victims, witnesses, and perpetrators know that the school and police will act collectively to stop and/or prevent violence or harassment.

Foster a learning environment in which students feel comfortable reporting to school authorities inappropriate behaviour that may grow into future violent acts.

## Approval and Review Dates

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