



Interviews of Students by Social Workers

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Policy Statement

The Family Services Act make provisions for Social Workers to have access to students without parental permission and school administrators (designate) shall allow access in situations in accordance with the Family Services Act 33(1) which states, "Where a child is a child in care or the Minister determines to place a child under protective care but the parent or any other person refuses to release the child to the Minister, or access to the child is otherwise impeded or denied, the Minister may make an *ex parte* application to a court for an order authorizing the Minister to enter and search any premises or area where the child is, for the purpose of removing the child from the premises or area".

Procedures

1. The Principal or designate shall determine if the Social Worker intends to take the student off-site or interview in the school.
2. The Principal or designate shall designate a private interview area and escort the child to the interview room.
3. The Social Worker shall determine if any school personnel should attend the interview.
4. The Social Worker should leave a "Notice of Protective Care: form with the Principal or designate if it is necessary for the child to leave the school to be interviewed.
5. The Social Worker is responsible for advising the parent(s) / guardian(s) of such an action.

Reference

- Family Services Act, Section 33 (1)
- EECD Policy 701: Policy for the Protection of Pupils