

PROPOSED REVISIONS

**School Resource
Officers**

To implement the District's comprehensive safety programs, the District has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with each local law enforcement agency that provides the District with school resource officers. School resource officers shall provide services consistent with the terms of the agreement, the comprehensive safety programs, and Board policy.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of school resource officers shall include all territory within District boundaries, as well as all real and personal property outside the boundaries of the District that is owned, leased, or rented by the District, or is otherwise under the District's control.

Authority and Duties

A school resource officer shall perform duties as described in the MOU and as included in the District improvement plan and the Student Code of Conduct. Pursuant to the MOU a school resource officer shall:

1. Protect the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the District and protect the property of the District.
2. Enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws, and investigate violations of law as needed. In doing so, school resource officers may serve search warrants in connection with District-related investigations in compliance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
3. Arrest suspects consistent with state and federal statutory and constitutional standards governing arrests, including arrests without warrant, for offenses that occur in the officer's presence or under the other rules set out in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
4. Coordinate and cooperate with commissioned officers of all other law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of this policy as necessary.
5. Enforce District policies, rules, and regulations on District property, in school zones, at bus stops, or at District functions.
6. Investigate violations of District policy, rules, and regulations as requested by the Superintendent and participate in hearings concerning alleged violations.
7. Carry a firearm in accordance with the MOU and the directives with the commissioning entity.
8. Carry out all other duties in accordance with the MOU.

A school resource officer shall not be assigned routine classroom discipline or administrative tasks. Each school resource officer shall receive at least the minimum amount of education and training required by law.

[See CKE(LEGAL) and CKEC(LEGAL)]

**Peace Officers
Providing Security
Services**

To assist with implementing the District's comprehensive safety programs and Board policy, the District shall on a part-time basis, employ or accept as a volunteer for security services ~~an reserve, retired, or~~ off-duty peace officer, ~~who shall have the same~~ The jurisdiction, duties, authorities, and immunities while on duty for the District shall be in accordance with the peace officer's commission and license, as applicable ~~as commissioned peace officers regularly employed by or assigned to the District.~~

**Employees
Authorized to
Possess Firearms
for Emergency
Response**

The Board has adopted these provisions regarding firearms to address concerns about effective and timely response to emergency situations on District property, including invasion of a school by an armed outsider; a hostage situation; actions of a student or employee who is armed and poses a direct threat of physical harm to himself, herself, or others; and similar circumstances.

Purpose

Authorization

Pursuant to its authority under state law, the Board may authorize specific District employees to possess certain firearms in schools, at Board meetings, and at school-sponsored or school-related events on District property, to the extent allowed by law. Each authorized employee shall have immunities as provided by law.

Each specifically authorized employee shall be approved by action of the Board. The Superintendent shall issue written authorization to each approved employee. The written authorization shall specify the District premises and other property where the employee is authorized to carry a firearm, as well as the means of carrying and storing the firearm.

Participation in this safety and security program shall be strictly voluntary.

Revocation

The Superintendent, as well as the Board, shall have the authority to revoke at any time a specific employee's authorization to possess a firearm under this policy.

In addition, authorization for a specific employee to possess a firearm under this policy shall be automatically revoked if the employee is placed on administrative leave or separates from employment with the District, regardless of the reason.

Duties

An authorized employee shall not perform routine law enforcement duties unless the duty is performed in response to an emergency

that poses a threat of death or serious bodily injury to a student, employee, or other individual on a District campus.

In an emergency an authorized employee shall:

1. Act as necessary to protect the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the District; and
2. Carry out all other lawful duties as directed by the Superintendent.

Handgun Licensees Only a District employee who maintains a current license to carry a handgun in accordance with state law shall be eligible for authorization to possess a firearm on District property under this policy and in accordance with the District's emergency operations plan.

A District employee who is a handgun license holder but who has not been specifically authorized by Board action under this policy shall not be permitted to possess a firearm on school property except in accordance with the limited provisions of DH(LOCAL).

Training The District shall provide to each District employee who is authorized to possess a firearm on District property specialized training in crisis intervention, management of hostage situations, and other topics the Board may determine necessary or appropriate.

Permitted Weapons and Ammunition Only District-approved firearms and ammunition shall be authorized for possession and use under this policy and the District's emergency operations procedures.

Implementation The Superintendent shall ensure that procedures to implement this safety and security program are detailed in the District's emergency operations plan.