

**DISTRICT POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

To ensure sufficient security and protection of students, staff, and property, the Board authorizes the formation of a District police department and shall employ and commission police officers.

**SUPERVISORY
AUTHORITY**

The chief of police shall be accountable **to** and **shall** report to the Superintendent. In accordance with law, the Superintendent **shall** ~~may~~ not delegate this supervisory responsibility.

JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of police 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.

**POLICE
AUTHORITY SECURITY
DEPARTMENT**

~~Police officers employed To ensure that sufficient security is provided to protect the students, employees, and property of the District, a Security Department shall be established that shall have the responsibility to:~~

**AUTHORITY AND
POWERS**

- ~~1. Enforce Subchapter M or Chapter 21 of the Education Code (21.481 through 21.490), as well as penal provisions 4.22, 4.23, 4.31, and 4.33.~~
- ~~2. Provide police services at the school or District-sponsored activities that occur off school property as authorized by Education Code 4.33 or as deemed appropriate by the District~~ **shall have all the powers, privileges, and immunities of police officers on or off duty** ~~administration and authorized by the Board.~~
- ~~3. Enforce all the general and criminal laws of the State of Texas that come to the attention of the police where violation occurs within the jurisdiction of the District.~~
- ~~4. Investigate all criminal offenses that occur within the jurisdiction of the District or against the District, identify the perpetrator(s) when possible, arrest such perpetrator(s), file appropriate charges, and cause to be placed in jail such persons the officer has reason to believe are guilty of an offense against the State of Texas, the District, or its employees, and/or within the jurisdiction of the District. District police officers shall have the authority to:~~ **Board.**
- 1. Protect** ~~Perform all the safety and welfare duties of any person licensed peace officers enumerated in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures within the jurisdiction of the District.~~
- ~~5. Assist in providing traffic control on contiguous streets at athletic events, school closings or openings, or at any other time~~

~~deemed necessary by the principal to ensure the safety and welfare of students, employees, and District patrons.~~

2. Enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws, and investigate violations of law as needed. In doing so, district police officers may serve search warrants in connection ~~Enforce regulations on District school buses, which are considered extensions of the classroom and subject to jurisdiction by District Security Officers.~~
- ~~6. Where appropriate, coordinate and interface~~ 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 ~~the provisions of~~ this policy as necessary.
5. Enforce District policies 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 administrative hearings concerning the alleged violations.
7. Carry weapons as directed by the chief of police and approved by the Superintendent.
8. Carry out all ~~Provide~~ other duties as directed by the chief of police or Superintendent.

TEMPORARY
ASSIGNMENT

District police officers shall enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws within another law enforcement agency's jurisdiction while temporarily assigned to the other agency.

LIMITATIONS ON
NONSCHOOL
EMPLOYMENT

No officer commissioned under this policy shall provide law enforcement or security services for an outside employer without prior written approval from the chief of police and Superintendent. No officer will be allowed to work for an outside employer that serves alcoholic beverages and/or promotes behavior inconsistent with the District's purposes.

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| RELATIONSHIP WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES | The District's police department and the law enforcement agencies with which it has overlapping jurisdiction shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that outlines reasonable communication and coordination efforts among the department and the agencies. The chief of police and the Superintendent shall review the memorandum of understanding at least once every year. The memorandum of understanding shall be approved by the Board. |
| VIDEO MONITORING | If available, video equipment shall be used on District police car for safety purposes whenever the flashing lights on the car are in use. |
| ACCESS TO RECORDINGS | Recordings shall be considered law enforcement records, shall remain in the custody of the chief of police, and shall be maintained as required by the department regulations manual and law. A parent or student who wishes to view a video recording in response to disciplinary action taken against the student may request such access under the procedures set out by law. [See FL(LEGAL)] |
| OFFICER TRAINING | All District officers shall receive at least the minimum amount of continuing education required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). |
| DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS MANUAL | To carry out the provisions in this policy, the police department shall compile and maintain a manual that describes and sets forth operational procedures, rules, and regulations pertaining to the functions as deemed necessary by the District administration of police services. The chief of police and the Superintendent shall review the manual annually and make any appropriate revisions and the District Board . |
| RACIAL PROFILING SECURITY | The chief of police principal shall develop and implement regulations procedures designed to ensure compliance with state law regarding racial profiling. Police officers employed by the District shall not initiate the security of all school-related property . |
| DAMAGE REPORT | Damage of any law enforcement action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, nature to school property, whether willful or national origin. otherwise, shall be reported upon detection to the principal, who shall then report to the Superintendent. The name(s) of the person or persons responsible will be submitted if |

~~known. Any break-ins shall be reported without delay to the principal whether damage is noted or not.~~

USE OF FORCE

The use of force, including deadly force, shall be authorized only when reasonable and necessary, as outlined in the department regulations manual.

HIGH SPEED PURSUIT

Officers shall not engage in high-speed chases in a motor vehicle when the immediate danger to the public or the officer created by the pursuit exceeds the immediate or potential danger presented by the offenders remaining at large. Guidelines for high-speed pursuits shall be addressed in the department regulations manual.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints against a District police officer shall be in writing on a form provided by the District and shall be signed by the person making the complaint. In accordance with the law, the District shall provide to the police officer a copy of the complaint. [See COMPLAINTS AGAINST PEACE OFFICERS at CKE(LEGAL)]

Appeals regarding this complaint process shall be filed in accordance with DGBA, FNG, or GF, as appropriate.

~~SECURITY FOR
EVENTS AT
SECONDARY
SCHOOLS~~

~~The security officers shall help with the following problems: loitering, trespassing, intoxication, intoxicating beverages on the grounds, drugs, firearms, disruptive behavior of any kind, and any other behavior that draws attention away from the school's operation.~~

~~JURISDICTION~~

~~The jurisdiction of the District police department shall be all areas within the boundaries of Ector County.~~

~~OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT OF
DISTRICT POLICE
OFFICERS~~

~~District police department personnel are permitted to work as part-time employees of other governmental entities and/or businesses. Businesses excluded from this provision are those that serve alcoholic beverages and/or promote behavior inconsistent with the District's purposes. The Superintendent shall be authorized to approve part-time employment of District police department personnel when such employment is not inconsistent with this policy.~~