

Policy:

It is the policy of the Derby Board of Education to require that School Security Officers carry an approved firearm, holster, and magazines on their person at all times while working in their official capacity on school grounds.

Procedure:**Firearms, Holster, and Ammunition Requirements**

School Security Officers on duty shall carry a personally owned firearm of their own selection, subject to the following requirements.

- Must be a semi-automatic pistol from a reputable manufacturer (subject to BOE approval).
- The action is limited to with a double-action only (DAO), double/single action (DASA), or “safe action” striker firing mechanism. Single-action only pistols are not authorized.
- The trigger pull must be at least five (5) pounds set from the factory.
- The caliber must be 9mm or larger with a barrel length of at least three (3) inches. The standard magazine capacity must be a minimum of seven (7) cartridges.
- The pistol shall be carried fully loaded with a chambered cartridge. Pistols with an external hammer will be carried with the hammer in the down resting position.
- Pistols must be maintained within manufacturer’s specifications with no after factory alterations. It is the responsibility of the School Security Officer to preform periodic cleaning and maintenance on the firearm as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Pistol and magazines will be loaded with approved factory made hollow point ammunition.
- School Security Officers must carry their pistol in an exposed holster utilizing two retention mechanisms (Sarfariland rating Level III) and designated by the manufacturer for the specific pistol carried.
- Armed Security Officers shall carry a minimum of two additional, fully loaded magazines, in carriers suitable for the duty belt.

Training

- School Security Officers shall receive annual training pursuant to section 7-294x C.G.S. and shall successfully complete annual firearms training provided by a certified firearms instructor that meets or exceeds the standards of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council or 18 USC 926C.
- All firearms training will be conducted using an approved firearm, holster, and magazine sources.
- School Security Officers who fail to attend mandatory training or fail to qualify may face revocation of the authorization to carry a firearm and may face termination.