

**Emergency
Operations Plan**

The Superintendent shall ensure updating of the District's Emergency Operations Plan and ongoing staff training.

As required by law, the emergency operations plan shall include the District's procedures addressing reasonable security measures when District property is used as a polling place.

Firearms

Purpose

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

Authorization

Pursuant to its authority under state law, the Board may, from time to time, authorize specific District employees to possess certain firearms at school and at school-sponsored or school-related events, to the extent allowed by law.

Each specifically authorized employee shall be approved by a separate action of the Board. The Superintendent shall issue written authorization to each approved employee. Any duties performed by an employee under this policy shall be considered within the course and scope of his or her employment. The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations regarding firearms, including the storage of firearms, the use of firearms in an emergency situation, and other guidelines related to the use and possession of firearms on District property.

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

Employee participation in this safety program shall be voluntary and shall not be a requirement for any position of employment with the District.

Handgun Licensees

Only a District employee who maintains a current license to carry a handgun, in accordance with Texas state law, or is otherwise lawfully authorized to carry a firearm shall be eligible for authorization to possess a firearm on District property.

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

Each District employee who is authorized to possess a firearm on District property shall be provided specialized training in crisis intervention, management of hostage situations, and other topics as the Board or designee may determine necessary or appropriate.

Permitted
Ammunition

Only District-approved ammunition shall be permitted in firearms authorized for use under the District's emergency operations procedures.