

# United Independent School District AGENDA ACTION ITEM

Second Reading of CKE (REGULATION): Safety Program/Risk Management – Security Personnel			
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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:			
DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: November 18, 2015			
RECOMMENDATION:			
It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve Second Reading of CKE (REGULATION): Safety Program/Risk Management –Security Personnel.			
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BOARD POLICY R	EFERENCE AND COMP	PLIANCE:	

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## COMMUNICATIONS MEETINGS

In order to facilitate communication between the District Police Department and the principal regarding priorities and expectations, the principal will convene two regular meetings yearly, with one at the beginning of each semester of the school year.

Additionally, The principal or chief of police will call a meeting in response to discuss an incident of concern to in order to review how procedures were used in the particular situation. The meeting will include the principal, other appropriate campus administrators and personnel, the District peace officer(s), and the officer's supervisor(s).

#### **USE OF FORCE**

A District peace officer may only use force when there is a threat of imminent harm to the officer or to others. A District peace officer may use as much force as is reasonably necessary to protect himself or herself and others in the performance of duty as a peace officer for the District and may use deadly force only in life-threatening situations. The principal, police lieutenant, and policy chief/captain will review all incidents where force was used to determine compliance with District and police department policy and to recommend appropriate action in cases of noncompliance.

## SCHOOL OFFENSE COMPLAINTS

Each District peace officer will comply with the following protocol prior to the issuance of a ticket regarding student behavior that meets the elements of a school offense as defined by the Texas Education Code. and must document his or her compliance on a Student Intervention Form to be included with or in lieu of an incident report form. The protocol shall be documented at the campus level.

School offense complaints shall be filed in accordance with state law. As a general rule, prior to or in lieu of filing a school offense complaint, the campus administration and campus police officers will work together to administer consequences for misbehavior other than criminal court consequence. Such consequences may include restorative actions, positive behavior interventions, and other campus interventions.

As a general rule, citations will be issued as a last resort for violations of the Texas Penal Code, Education Code, Health and Safety Code, or any other Class C misdemeaner. Exceptions may include the following:

- The person's behavior school offense is egregious or persistent;
- 2. The school offense includes the element of an injured party:

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- The school offense includes the element of jeopardizing a safe and educational environment for the campus;
- The school offense includes the element of jeopardizing a safe environment for any property under the control and jurisdiction of the District.
- The principal requests that a ticket be issued and the peace officer agrees;
- 6. A teacher requests that a ticket be issued, the peace officer agrees, and the principal has been consulted; or
- 7. The law or other District requirements mandate the issuance of a ticket (e.g., tobacco, curfew, or school zone violations and the like).

As a general rule, prior to issuing a citation, each peace officer will comply with the following:

- After utilizing Child Crisis Intervention Training, the District
  peace officer must consider the option of allowing the student
  to return to class if the situation has deescalated, with no further action from the District peace officer.
- If the student desires, the District peace officer must consider the option of referring the student to the school counselor's office and allowing the student to speak with a counselor, with no further action from the District peace officer.

Each completed Student Intervention Form will be copied to the District peace officer's sergeant, who will review the forms to determine compliance with the District's and the District Police Department's policies before forwarding the form to the chief of police and the student's campus principal.

#### **TRAINING**

All District peace officers will receive training on the District's and the District's Police Department's policies and regulations. A minimum of four hours of training will be conducted prior to the start of each school year or prior to the officer's official on-campus start date.

#### CHILD CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING

All District peace officers will receive Child Crisis Intervention Training every three years. Child Crisis Intervention Training goals include:

- 1. Preventing a crisis from occurring:
- 2. Deescalating a potential crisis;

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- 3. Effectively managing an acute crisis;
- 4. Reducing potential and actual injury to students and staff as a result of a crisis; and
- 5. Assisting peace officers with the identification of a child who is in crisis and/or has special needs.