
Note: For general provisions applicable to district security personnel, including school resource officers, see CKE.

Definition

A school resource officer is a peace officer who is assigned by the officer's employing political subdivision to provide a police presence at a public school, safety or drug education to students of a public school, other similar services. The term does not include a peace officer who provides law enforcement at:

1. A public school only for extracurricular activities; or
2. A public school event only for extracurricular activities.

Occupations Code 1701.601

License Required

A peace officer who is a visiting school resource officer in a public school must be licensed as provided by Occupations Code Chapter 1701. *Occupations Code 1701.602*

Memorandum of Understanding Required

A memorandum of understanding for the provision of school resource officers must be in the form of an interlocal contract under Government Code Chapter 791 (Interlocal Cooperation Act).

Cost Allocation

The memorandum of understanding must use a proportionate cost allocation methodology to address any costs or fees incurred by the district or the local law enforcement agency, county, or municipality, as applicable. The cost allocation methodology may allow a local law enforcement agency, county, or municipality, as applicable, to recoup direct costs incurred as a result of the contract but may not allow the agency, county, or municipality to profit under the contract.

Funding

A district that enters into a memorandum of understanding for the provision of school resource officers may seek funding from federal, state, and private sources to support the cost of providing school resource officers.

Education Code 37.081(a-2), (a-3), (a-4)

Firearms Accident Prevention Program

A peace officer who is a visiting school resource officer in a public elementary school shall at least once each school year offer to provide instruction to students in a firearms accident prevention program, as determined by the district.

A firearms accident prevention program must include the safety message, "Stop! Don't Touch. Leave the Area. Tell an Adult.", and may include instructional materials from the National Rifle Association Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program, including animated videos and activity books.

Occupations Code 1701.603