

CLAIMING A GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION TO AND ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE
STANDARD FOR THE ARMED SECURITY OFFICER REQUIREMENT AT EACH DISD CAMPUS

Whereas, Section 37.0814(a) of the Texas Education Code requires the board of trustees of each school district to ensure that at least one (1) armed security officer is present at each district campus during regular school hours; and

Whereas, “armed security officer” as defined by Section 37.0184(a) must be a school district peace officer, school resource officer or a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel: and

Whereas, the Duncanville ISD administration has budgeted for one (1) additional full time police officer positions for the 2025-2026 school year to move towards compliance with the armed security officer requirement; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has determined and concluded that the district cannot hire, train, and deploy sufficient new officers immediately in order to comply with the armed security requirement due to the lack of availability of qualified persons to serve as a security officer as described in Section 37.0814(a).

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Duncanville Independent School District, Dallas County, Texas,

That pursuant to Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code, The Board of Trustees hereby claims a good cause exception to the armed security officer of Section 37.0814), on the recommendation of the Duncanville ISD Safety and Security Committee.

That, Duncanville Independent School District’s non-compliance is due to the lack of availability of qualified persons to serve as an armed security officer as described in Section 37.0814(a)

That, as provided by Section 37.0814(d), the Board of Trustees hereby establishes an alternative standard for the provision of armed security at Duncanville ISD campuses with which the district can comply.

That, the alternative standard and the district’s plan for compliance with that standard is summarized in Exhibit A, that is attached to and incorporated herein.

That, additional details of the district’s alternative standard, including security sensitive details made confidential by law, are incorporated into the District's Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP) which is hereby approved and adopted by reference in this Resolution.

That, it is hereby found, determined and declared that sufficient notice of the date, time, location, and subject of the meeting of the Duncanville Independent School District Board of Trustees at which this Resolution was adopted was posted in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code and that the portions of the meeting where this Resolution was discussed and adopted was open to the public unless otherwise authorized by law.

Resolved, this 26th day of August in the year 2025.

By: _____ President, Board of Trustees

Duncanville Independent School District

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Trustees Duncanville Independent School District

EXHIBIT A

ESTABLISHING AN ALTERNATIVE STANDARD FOR THE ARMED SECURITY OFFICER REQUIREMENT AT EACH DUNCANVILLE ISD CAMPUS

Section 37.0814(a) of the Texas Education Code requires at least one (1) armed security officer to be present on each campus during regular school hours.

Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code permits the Board of Trustees to claim a good cause exception, and Section 37.0814(d) of the Texas Education Code allows the Board of Trustees to establish an alternative standard to comply with the requirement.

1. The Duncanville ISD has proposed funding for one additional DISD Police Officer in the preliminary 2025-2026 Operating Budget for the district. There are currently three police officer vacancies that the police department is working to fill
2. The position was posted, and applications were accepted. To date, finalists for the positions are being identified, and the hiring process is ongoing.
3. Due to the lack of qualified applicants, the district proposes the following alternative standard: a. The Duncanville ISD Police Department will employ armed Level III security officers, who are not peace officers but are trained as required by statute, according to a 3-year rollout plan encompassing school years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028, as presented to the board in a closed session.

This plan will be added to the Duncanville ISD Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP) upon final adoption.