

**RELATIONS WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES**

Cooperation with law enforcement agencies is essential for the protection of students, for the maintenance of a safe environment in the district schools, and for the safeguard of all school property.

The Board also is aware of the potential enrichment that law enforcement agencies can contribute to the educational program. Teachers and principals are encouraged to make use of the personnel and facilities of the police department for programs and lessons on safety and other subjects, which may coordinate with the curriculum and be of value to the students.

**School Resource Officers**

The District may utilize the services of a school resource officer (SRO). If the Board utilizes this service it shall enter into an agreement with the police department at which the SRO is employed. The District will ensure, at a minimum, that the agreement does not assume the District responsible for liability claims arising as a result of the SRO's actions and requires the SRO to comply with restrictions the District has established in policy on police interviews of students and police searches in schools.

When contracted by the Board, the SRO serves as security officers to the District and is required to follow applicable district policies. When district policy is silent or unclear, the SRO shall consult with the Superintendent or principal prior to taking action unless an emergency situation that jeopardizes district safety warrants otherwise.

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**Complementing Documents**

- FGCA, Searches of Students & Students' Personal Property
- FGCB, Searches of Lockers
- FGCC, Student Interrogations

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