

PROPOSED REVISIONS Update 114 Revisions

District Police Officers

To ensure sufficient security and protection of students, staff, and property, the Board authorizes the formation of a District police department and shall employ and commission police officers.

The policies, rules, and regulations promulgated by the Board, as well as the general and criminal laws of the state of Texas, are hereby declared in full force and effect within the areas of control and jurisdiction of the District.

Supervisory Authority

The chief of police shall be accountable to and shall report to the Superintendent. In accordance with law, the Superintendent shall not delegate this supervisory responsibility.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of police officers shall include all territory within District boundaries, as well as all real and personal property outside the boundaries of the District that is owned, leased, or rented by the District, or is otherwise under the District's control.

District police officers shall exercise police authority and powers in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Police department officers are required to limit their actions to incidents that are clearly District-related, except in cases where, as Texas police officers, they have a statutory duty to involve themselves in non-District incidents that are life-threatening, considered felony offenses, or are listed in Chapter 14 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (arrest without warrant).

Police Authority

Police officers employed by the District shall have all the powers, privileges, and immunities of police officers on or off duty within the jurisdiction of the District. **SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS IN LAW,** District police officers shall have the authority to:

1. Protect the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the District and protect the property of the District.
2. Enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws, and investigate violations of law as needed. In doing so, District police officers may serve search warrants in connection with related investigations in compliance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.
3. Arrest suspects consistent with state and federal statutory and constitutional standards governing arrests, including arrests without warrant, for offenses that occur in the officer's presence or under the other rules set out in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

4. Coordinate and cooperate with commissioned officers of all other law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of this policy as necessary.
5. Enforce District policies, **RULES, AND REGULATIONS** on District property, in school zones, at bus stops, or at District functions.
6. Investigate violations of District policy, rules, and regulations as requested by the Superintendent and participate in ~~administrative~~ ~~hearing~~ hearings concerning the alleged violations.
7. Carry weapons as directed by the chief of police and approved by the Superintendent.
8. Carry out all other duties as directed by the chief of police or Superintendent.

DISTRICT POLICE OFFICERS SHALL NOT BE ASSIGNED ROUTINE CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE OR ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS.

Temporary Assignment

District police officers shall enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws within another law enforcement agency's jurisdiction while temporarily assigned to the other agency.

Limitations on Nonschool Employment

No officer commissioned under this policy shall provide law enforcement or security services for an outside employer without prior written approval from the chief of police and Superintendent.

Off-Duty Law Enforcement Activities

When a District police officer is off duty and not engaged in outside employment, law enforcement activities are limited to offenses that endanger the loss of property, that pose a threat of bodily injury or death, or that directly involve the off-duty officer. The Superintendent is authorized to provide further detail to District police officers regarding the scope of their off-duty and on-duty responsibilities away from District premises law enforcement activities.

Relationship with Outside Agencies

The District's police department and the law enforcement agencies with which it has overlapping jurisdiction shall enter into a memorandum of understanding that outlines reasonable communication and coordination efforts among the department and the agencies. The chief of police and the Superintendent shall review the memorandum of understanding at least once every year. The memorandum of understanding shall be approved by the Board.

Video Monitoring

If available, video equipment shall be used on a District police car for safety purposes whenever the flashing lights on the car are in use.

<i>Access to Recordings</i>	Recordings shall be considered law enforcement records, shall remain in the custody of the chief of police, and shall be maintained as required by the department regulations manual and law. A parent or student who wishes to view a video recording in response to disciplinary action taken against the student may request such access under the procedures set out by law. [See FL(LEGAL)]
Training	All District officers shall receive at least the minimum amount of education and training required by law.
Department Regulations Manual	To carry out the provisions in this policy, the police department shall compile and maintain a manual that describes and sets forth operational procedures, rules, and regulations pertaining to the administration of police services. The chief of police and the Superintendent shall review the manual annually and make any appropriate revisions.
<i>Racial Profiling</i>	The chief of police shall develop and implement regulations to ensure compliance with state law regarding racial profiling. Police officers employed by the District shall not initiate any law enforcement action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin.
<i>Use of Force</i>	The use of force, including deadly force, shall be authorized only when reasonable and necessary, as outlined in the department regulations manual.
<i>High-Speed Pursuit</i>	Officers shall not engage in high-speed chases in a motor vehicle when the immediate danger to the public or the officer created by the pursuit exceeds the immediate or potential danger presented by the offenders remaining at large. Guidelines for high-speed pursuits shall be addressed in the department regulations manual.
Complaints	<p>Complaints against a District police officer shall be in writing on a form provided by the District and shall be signed by the person making the complaint. In accordance with law, the District shall provide to the police officer a copy of the complaint. [See Complaints Against Peace Officers at CKE(LEGAL)]</p> <p>Appeals regarding this complaint process shall be filed in accordance with DGBA, FNG, or GF, as appropriate.</p>