



SECTION: OPERATIONS

POLICY: 805.1

TITLE: RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

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I. PURPOSE

The Board recognizes that cooperation with law enforcement agencies is considered essential for protecting students and staff, maintaining a safe environment in schools, and safeguarding district property.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Incident - an instance committed on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity involving an act of violence; the possession of a weapon by any person; the possession, use, or sale of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia as defined in the Pennsylvania Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act; the possession, use, or sale of alcohol or tobacco by any person on school property; or conduct that constitutes an offense listed under the Safe Schools Act.
- B. Required incident – an incident that must be reported by the district to local law enforcement pursuant to and within the timelines provided in state law.
- C. Discretionary incident – an incident that may be reported by the district to local law enforcement pursuant to and within the timelines provided in state law.
- D. School property – any public school grounds; school-sponsored activity, whether or not the activity occurs on public school grounds; or any conveyance providing transportation to a school entity or school-sponsored activity.

III. POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Board to establish and maintain a cooperative relationship between the district and local police departments in (1) maintaining school safety and security; (2) responding to school safety and security reports; and (3) reporting and resolving incidents that occur on school property.

Memorandum of Understanding

In accordance with state law and regulations, the Superintendent shall execute and update, every two (2) years, a memorandum of understanding with each local police department that has jurisdiction over school property. Each memorandum of understanding shall be signed by the Superintendent, the applicable police chief, and each building principal, and be filed with the Office for Safe Schools.

In developing and updating the memorandum of understanding, the district shall consult and consider the State Board of Education model memorandum of understanding. If the district's memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement contains substantive differences from the State Board of

Education model memorandum of understanding, the Superintendent shall provide a written statement which identifies the differences and the reasons for the differences as part of the biennial filing with the Office for Safe Schools.

The memorandum of understanding shall comply with state law and regulations and set forth procedures to be followed regarding incidents that occur on school property, including, but not limited to, acts of violence, weapons, terroristic threats, controlled substances, alcohol, and tobacco.

The memorandum of understanding may specify other matters related to crime prevention mutually agreed upon by the Superintendent and the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property.

Students With Disabilities

The district shall provide a copy of its administrative guidelines and procedures for behavior support, developed in accordance with the Special Education Plan, to each local police department that has jurisdiction over school property. Updated copies shall be provided each time the district revises the administrative guidelines and procedures for behavior support.

The district shall invite representatives of each local police department that has jurisdiction over school property to participate in district training on the use of positive behavior supports, de-escalation techniques, and appropriate responses to student behavior that may require intervention, as included in the district's Special Education Plan and positive behavior support program.

Referral to Law Enforcement

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report required incidents and may report discretionary incidents to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property where the incident occurred, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement, and Board policies

Safe Schools Report

Annually, by July 31, the Superintendent shall report on the designated form, to the Office for Safe Schools, all new incidents as required by state law.

Prior to submitting the Safe Schools report, the Superintendent and each police department having jurisdiction over school property shall do all of the following:

No later than thirty (30) days prior to the deadline for submitting the Safe Schools report to the Office for Safe Schools, the Superintendent shall submit the report to the police department that has jurisdiction over the relevant school property. The police department shall review the report and compare the data regarding criminal offenses and notification of law enforcement to determine whether the report accurately reflects police incident data.

No later than fifteen (15) days prior to the deadline for the Superintendent to submit the report to the Office for Safe Schools, the police department shall notify the Superintendent, in writing, whether the report accurately reflects police incident data. Where the police department determines that the report accurately reflects police incident data, the chief of police shall sign the report. Where the police department determines that the report does not accurately reflect police incident data, the police department shall indicate any discrepancies between the report and police incident data. The

Superintendent and the police department shall attempt to resolve discrepancies between the report and police incident data.

Where a police department fails to take action as required above, the Superintendent shall submit the report to the Office for Safe Schools and indicate that the police department failed to take the required action

IV. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Superintendent shall ensure that the district adheres to this policy and the obligations mandated by state law.

V. REFERENCES

22 PA Code 10.15
24 P.S. 1303-A
22 PA Code 10.11
22 PA Code 10.2
35 P.S. 780-102
22 PA Code 10.23
22 PA Code 14.104
22 PA Code 14.133
22 PA Code 10.21
22 PA Code 10.22
24 P.S. 1302.1-A
22 PA Code 10.24
Pol. 113.1
Pol. 113
Pol. 218
Pol. 218.1
Pol. 218.2
Pol. 222
Pol. 227
Pol. 323
Pol. 351
Pol. 805
Pol. 805.2
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