

DISTRICT POLICE
DEPARTMENT

~~DISTRICT POLICE
FORCE~~

~~POLICE JURISDICTION
AND AUTHORITY~~

SUPERVISORY
AUTHORITY

JURISDICTION

POLICE AUTHORITY

~~To The Board hereby authorizes the formation of a District police force to protect District property and to ensure sufficient security and protection of as safe an environment as possible for students, staff employees, and property, the visitors. The Board authorizes the formation of a District police department and shall employ and District police force in accordance with the provisions of Texas Education Code 37.081. The Board also authorizes the chief of police to commission police officers, who meet at least the minimum standards required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.~~

~~District police officers shall have jurisdiction anywhere within the District, including any real property owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under District control in areas within District geographical limits. District police jurisdiction shall also include all property both real and personal, inside or outside the boundaries of the District, that is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under the control of the District.~~

~~On property owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under the control of the District, District police officers shall be empowered to enforce all laws under the direction of the chief of police or the campus principal. District police officers, however, shall limit the general enforcement of laws in other areas of their jurisdiction to those actions necessary to protect the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the police officer and to protect the property, real and personal, of the District.~~

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

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.

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. 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 District-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 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 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.

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.

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 vehicles for safety purposes whenever the flashing lights on the car are in use.

ACCESS TO
RECORDINGS

Recordings from District police vehicles 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

	<p><u>student may request such access under the procedures set out by law. [See FL(LEGAL)]</u></p>
<u>OFFICER TRAINING</u>	<p><u>All District officers shall receive at least the minimum amount of continuing education required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE).</u></p>
<u>DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS MANUAL</u>	<p><u>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.</u></p>
<u>RACIAL PROFILING</u>	<p><u>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.</u></p>
<u>USE OF FORCE</u>	<p><u>The use of force, including deadly force, shall be authorized only when reasonable and necessary, as outlined in the department regulations manual.</u></p>
<u>HIGH-SPEED PURSUIT</u>	<p><u>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.</u></p>
<u>COMPLAINTS</u>	<p><u>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)]</u></p> <p><u>Appeals regarding this complaint process shall be filed in accordance with DGBA, FNG, or GF, as appropriate.</u></p>
CAMPUS-BASED DUTY	<p>While assigned to a campus, an officer shall be under the direction of the campus principal. The principal shall direct the officer concerning the officer's duties on and around campus in situations involving the safety and welfare of the District's students, staff, visitors, and property.</p> <p>District police officers shall be responsive to the wishes of the campus principal and shall not issue instructions to the campus principal or staff. The principal or designee may confer with an officer in matters involving the safety and welfare of the students,</p>

	<p>staff, visitors, and property. At such times, the officer may offer suggestions when requested.</p> <p>In matters involving law enforcement responsibilities, the campus officer shall confer with the campus principal or designee to ensure an open flow of information. The officer shall inform the principal or designee immediately of any criminal complaints occurring on the campus. The chief of police shall oversee and supervise the officers in the performance of their law enforcement duties.</p> <p>The chief of police and all District police officers shall work in concert with the campus principals and provide a strong support team to assist principals in promoting a safe, secure learning environment.</p> <p>The chief of police may direct an officer assigned to a campus or areas other than the campus if the chief believes such assignment is necessary to address an emergency situation. The chief of police shall notify the campus principal or designee of the temporary reassignment of the campus officer.</p>
<p>OTHER FUNCTIONS</p> <p>MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING</p>	<p>The District police may, in matters affecting the safety and welfare of any citizen within the boundaries of the District, summon the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction. Upon arrival of the responding agency, the District police shall return to a normal duty posture. A memorandum of understanding shall be developed in cooperation with each of the law enforcement agencies with which the District police department shares jurisdiction. The memorandum of understanding shall outline reasonable communication and coordination efforts among the District police department and the agencies.</p>
<p>DISTRICT BUSINESS</p>	<p>In addition to their normal duties, District police shall assist the Board, agents of the Board, District administrators, or campus administrators with matters that facilitate the orderly conduct of District business.</p>
<p>CIVIL RIGHTS</p>	<p>District police officers, while on duty or off duty, shall protect and shall not violate the civil rights of any person. District police officers shall not violate or misapply the provisions of Chapter Nine of the Penal Code, with respect to the use of force or deadly force. District police officers shall not violate or misapply the provisions of Chapter Thirteen of the Code of Criminal Procedure, with respect to the powers of arrest. Any violation of the content or intent of this paragraph shall be cause for disciplinary action and could result in criminal charges and/or civil action.</p>
<p>OFF-DUTY PROVISIONS</p>	<p>District police officers shall not work in an off-duty, law enforcement-related job without obtaining the permission of the District to</p>

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~~do so. To seek such permission, the officer must execute the re-
quired off-duty employment request form. If permission is granted,
the officer must inform his or her off-duty employer of the terms im-
posed by the District. District police officers shall not represent the
District or perform duties for the District while off duty.~~

~~The District police chief shall institute departmental regulations per-
taining to weapons, ammunition, use of force, use of deadly force,
pursuit, arrest procedures, training, and other topics necessary and
prudent to the orderly operations of the police department.~~