

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES PROGRAM

At the beginning of each school year, if the district has safety and security staff working on school property, the district will present to and discuss with students, and distribute to students' families, information about the role and responsibilities of safety and security staff.

Definitions

"Safety and security staff" means a school security officer, a campus security officer, and any other noncommissioned employee or contractor, whose primary job duty is to provide safety or security services for a public school.

"School resource officer" (SRO) means a commissioned law enforcement officer in the state of Washington with sworn authority to make arrests, deployed in community-oriented policing, and assigned by the employing police department or sheriff's office to work in schools to build positive relationships with students and address crime and disorder problems, gangs, and drug activities affecting or occurring in or around K-12 schools. School resource officers should focus on keeping students out of the criminal justice system when possible and should not be used to attempt to impose criminal sanctions in matters that are more appropriately handled within the educational system.

Purpose

The purpose of the safety and security services program is to foster school safety as well as a positive educational climate at Selkirk schools. The safety and security staff shall be integrated into the school community through participation in faculty and student meetings and assemblies as appropriate. They shall support a positive school climate by developing positive relationships with students, parents, and staff, and by helping to promote a safe, inclusive, and positive learning environment. Safety and security staff are valuable team members of School Based Threat Assessment Teams, which are preventative in purpose.

Discipline

The primary responsibility for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools resides with school principals or their designee, with the support of other school staff. Principals or their designee maintain order and handle all student discipline matters consistent with Student Discipline Policy and Procedure 3241. School safety and security staff may assist in discipline in the same capacity as other school staff.

Requests for Intervention

Teachers and school administrators may ask safety and security staff to intervene if a student's presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to others or an immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process or in other emergency circumstances. Safety and security staff do not need to be asked before intervening in emergencies.

Law Enforcement Activity

As a general rule, law enforcement activity should take place at a location other than school premises. However, there are circumstances where law enforcement intervention/activity at school premises is warranted and may be conducted by a commissioned law enforcement officer. Parents will be notified if law enforcement requests to interview a student.

The superintendent or designee will develop additional procedures to implement this policy.

Cross References:

2121 - Substance Abuse Program
2145 - Suicide Prevention
2161 - Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
2162 - Education of Students With Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
3143 - Notification and Dissemination of Information about Student Offenses and Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm
3225 - School-Based Threat Assessment
3230 - Student Privacy and Searches
3432 - Emergencies
3241 - Student Discipline
3246 - Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force
4210 - Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises
4310 - District Relationships with Law Enforcement and other Government Agencies

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