

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

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Section: 800 Operations

Title: Relations with Law
Enforcement Agencies

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805.1 RELATIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Purpose

The Board of Education (“Board”) recognizes that cooperation with law enforcement agencies is a layer of support for protecting students and staff, and maintaining safe and welcoming environments in School District of Philadelphia (“District”) schools.

Authority

As required by the Pennsylvania Public School Code, the Board shall maintain a cooperative relationship between the District and local police departments in the reporting and resolution of incidents that occur on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, or on any conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity.[1][2]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board directs the Superintendent or their designee, through the Office of School Safety, to execute and maintain a memorandum of understanding with the City of Philadelphia’s Police Department (PPD) in accordance with state law and regulations.[1][3]

The Office of School Safety shall also coordinate the reporting to the Philadelphia Police Department and Pennsylvania Department of Education as required by law. School employees are required to report incidents to the Office of School Safety in conformity with School Safety Directives.[1]

The Board also directs the Superintendent or their designee, through the Office of School Safety, to develop Administrative Procedures that outline how the Office of School Safety works with the PPD to maintain safe and welcoming environments in District schools.

Mandatory Regulatory Procedures

Memorandum of Understanding

The memorandum of understanding with the PPD shall comply with state law and regulations and set forth procedures to be followed regarding incidents.[3][4][5]

In developing and updating the MOU, the District shall consult and consider the State Board of Education model memorandum of understanding.[3]

The memorandum of understanding may specify other matters related to crime prevention.[1]

Safe Schools Report

Annually, by July 31, the Superintendent shall report on the designated form, to the Office for Safe Schools at the Pennsylvania Department of Education, all new incidents as required by state law.[1]

Legal References:

1. 24 P.S. 1303-A
2. 22 PA Code 10.1
3. 22 PA Code 10.11
4. Policy 218 - Student Conduct and Discipline
5. Policy 218.1 - Weapons

Related Information:

[Administrative Procedures for Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies](#)