

**Board Responsibility** To enhance security and protection of the students, staff, and property of the District, the Board shall authorize the formation of the District police department.

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

**Jurisdiction** The jurisdiction of the District police department is all territory within the boundaries of the District and all property, real and personal, outside the boundaries of the District that is owned, leased, or rented by or otherwise under the District's control. In addition, jurisdiction includes all District functions conducted outside the boundaries of the District, where there are District students and staff present.

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 and Powers** District police officers shall have the same duties, powers, privileges, and immunities of other commissioned peace officers, on or off duty. 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 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, 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 hearings concerning 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.

**Limitation on  
Outside Employment**

No District police officer 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 shall enter into an interlocal agreement with law enforcement agencies with which it has overlapping jurisdiction that sets forth communication and coordination efforts among the parties. The chief of police and the Superintendent shall review the agreement annually. The agreement shall be approved by the Board beginning August 2015 and presented every three years.

*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 as approved by the chief of police and Superintendent.

*Profiling*

The chief of police shall develop and implement regulations to ensure compliance with state law and the department regulations manual regarding profiling. Police officers employed by the District shall not initiate any law enforcement action based on an individual's race, religion, color, sex, disability, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, or ancestral language.

**Use of Force**

The use of force, including deadly force, shall be authorized only when reasonable and necessary and in compliance with department policies and state and federal law. The use of excessive force is expressly forbidden.

**Auto Pursuit**

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.

**Training**

All District officers shall be receive at least the minimum amount of education and training required by law.

**Establishment of a  
Department  
Regulations Manual**

To carry out the provisions in this policy, the chief of police shall establish a manual that describes and sets forth operational policies, procedures, rules, and regulations pertaining to the administration of police services. The chief of police and the Superintendent shall review the manual at least once every year and effect appropriate revision.

**Complaints**

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 CKEA(LEGAL)]

Appeals regarding this complaint process shall be filed in accordance with DGBA, FNG, or GF, as appropriate.