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**Note:** This local policy has been revised in accordance with the District's [innovation plan](#).<sup>1</sup>

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**District Police  
Department**

To ensure sufficient security and protection of students, staff, and property, the Board authorizes the formation of a District police department and shall employ and commission a police officer, who shall serve as chief of police.

Supervisory  
Authority

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

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the police officer 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 Authority

The police officer 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. Subject to limitations in law, the District police officer 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, the District police officer 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 approved by the Superintendent.

8. Carry out all other duties as directed by the Superintendent.

<i>Temporary Assignment</i>	The District police officer 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.
<i>Teaching Assignments</i>	In accordance with the District's innovation plan, the District shall be exempt from the state law prohibiting the District's police officer from being assigned duties that include contact with students unrelated to law enforcement or routine student discipline or school administrative tasks when the District police officer has classroom teaching responsibilities.
Limitations on Nonschool Employment	An officer commissioned under this policy shall not provide law enforcement or security services for an outside employer without prior written approval from the 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 police officer 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 car for safety purposes whenever the flashing lights on the car are in use.
<i>Access to Recordings</i>	Recordings shall be considered law enforcement records, shall remain in the custody of the police department, 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 student may request such access under the procedures set out by law. [See FL(LEGAL)]
Training	The District police officer shall receive at least the minimum amount of education and training required by law.
Department Regulations Manual	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 police officer and the Superintendent shall review the manual annually and make any appropriate revisions.
<i>Racial Profiling</i>	The police officer shall develop and implement regulations to ensure compliance with state law regarding racial profiling. The police

officer employed by the District shall not initiate any law enforcement action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin.

*Use of Force*

The use of force, including deadly force, shall be authorized only when reasonable and necessary, as outlined in the department regulations manual.

*High-Speed Pursuit*

The police officer 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.

Complaints

Complaints against the 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Innovation Plan: <https://www.ropesisd.us/district-of-innovation>