

RELATIONSHIP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

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5120

The board recognizes the importance of law enforcement authorities in providing safe schools. The board desires an effective working relationship with law enforcement. To this end, the district administration and principals are expected to communicate the needs of the schools and work with law enforcement officials in developing joint programs and in establishing protocols for handling situations in which the assistance of law enforcement is helpful or necessary. The superintendent shall establish procedures for school contacts with law enforcement agencies.

The superintendent shall ensure that local law enforcement and emergency management agencies have schematic diagrams of all school facilities and provide them updates of the schematic diagrams when the school system makes substantial facility modifications, such as the addition of new facilities or modifications to doors or windows. The superintendent shall also provide local law enforcement agencies with keys to the main entrance of all school facilities.

School resource officers will be assigned duties as specified in a written understanding between the law enforcement agency and the school system.

Law enforcement officials are not to be used in conducting administrative investigations, including investigations to determine whether student behavior policies have been violated.

School administrators and employees are expected to cooperate in criminal investigations but should attempt to do so in a way that minimizes disruptions to the educational environment.

Visits by probation officers to students during the school day must be in accordance with policy 5020, Visitors to the Schools.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47; S.L. 2013-360

Cross References: School Safety (policy 1510/4200/7270), Student Searches (policy 4342), Visitors to the Schools (policy 5020)

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