

SECURITY PERSONNEL
COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS

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**District Police
Department**

~~The Board has chosen to employ commissioned peace officers to carry out the provisions of Texas Education Code, Chapter 37, Subchapter C, relating to law and order. The mission of the District police department is to provide a safe learning environment by protecting the rights and property of the District, staff, and students through the establishment and maintenance of an innovative, knowledgeable, dedicated, and highly trained police department capable of adapting to a changing educational community environment.~~

~~Supervisory
Authority~~

~~The chief of police 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 police officers 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.~~

~~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).~~

~~Scope of Powers
and Duties~~

~~Authority~~

~~District police officers are employees of the District and shall comply with all District policies, procedures, and regulations to the extent consistent with the requirements of state law and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Police officers 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 and as defined in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. 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 and arrest warrants in connection with District related investigations in compliance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.~~

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- ~~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. Investigate violations of District policies, rules, and regulations that also constitute potential criminal conduct and/or violations of the Texas Penal code or other relevant criminal laws that occur on District property, in school zones, at bus stops, or at District functions.~~
- ~~6. Investigate violations of District policy, rules, and regulations that also constitute potential criminal conduct and/or violations of the Texas Penal code or other relevant criminal laws that occur 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.~~

~~District police officers shall not be assigned to handle or address routine classroom discipline, administrative tasks, and/or investigations that pertain to violations of campus or District policy that do not involve potential criminal conduct and/or violations of the Texas Penal Code or other relevant criminal laws.~~

~~This does not preclude officers from participating in district sanctioned events or from participating in mentorship opportunities or restorative justice programs designed to encourage individual accountability and meet the needs of all students.~~

Outside
Employment

~~Officers shall adhere to regulations of the *HISD Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual* and applicable directives governing police-related and non-police-related extra employment.~~

Memorandum of
Understanding

~~The District 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 agencies. Approval to enter into or maintain relationships established by memoranda of understanding shall be approved by the Superintendent.~~

Video Monitoring

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	<p>If available, video equipment shall be used in a District police car for safety purposes whenever the flashing lights on the car are in use.</p>
<p><i>Access to Recordings</i></p>	<p>Recordings shall be considered law enforcement records, shall remain in the custody of the chief of police, 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)]</p>
<p><i>Body-Worn Cameras</i></p>	<p>District officers shall use body worn cameras only when performing official law enforcement duties and in accordance with the provisions of the District police department's body worn camera program. The cameras shall be used to record incidents that are of a criminal nature, or that will bring scrutiny to the department or the District, or to document actions and reactions regarding a request for police service. Officers shall receive training on the program, including proper use and operation of cameras. Any District employee who has access to data from body worn cameras shall receive training on storage, retention, and release of recordings.</p>
<p><i>Training</i></p>	<p>All District officers and police dispatchers shall receive at least the minimum amount of education and training required by law.</p>
<p><i>Department Regulations Manual</i></p>	<p>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 chief of police and the Superintendent shall review the manual annually and make any appropriate revisions.</p>
<p><i>Racial Profiling</i></p>	<p>The chief of police shall develop and implement regulations to ensure compliance with state law regarding racial profiling. Police officers employed by the District shall not initiate any law enforcement action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin.</p>
<p><i>Use of Force</i></p>	<p>The use of force, including deadly force, shall be authorized only when reasonable and necessary, as outlined in the department regulations manual.</p>
<p><i>Vehicular Pursuit</i></p>	<p>Officers shall adhere to regulations in the <i>HISD Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual</i> and applicable directives governing vehicular pursuits.</p> <p>Once involved in a pursuit, the District police officers involved shall weigh the risks of the pursuit against the danger to the public, themselves, and fellow officers on a continual basis. If the risk of danger outweighs the benefit of capturing the fleeing suspect, the</p>

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	<p>pursuit shall be terminated immediately. If a pursuit is for a crime that is not District related, the officer(s) involved shall continue the pursuit only until units of the agency having primary jurisdiction become involved in the pursuit. At this time, the District officer(s) shall discontinue direct involvement in the pursuit.</p>
<p>Duty During Inclement Weather or Other Emergencies</p>	<p>District police officers and police department communications personnel are not included in the plan for dismissal of employees because of inclement weather and/or other conditions that may cause the schools or offices to close, except as provided in the administrative regulations. All police officers shall notify the District's police department office as soon as possible after arrival at their designated assignments.</p>
<p>Notice of Exposure to Communicable Disease</p>	<p>Notice of Health and Safety Code requirements regarding a work-related exposure to a reportable communicable disease that may affect eligibility for workers' compensation benefits shall be available to District police officers as specified by law. [See CKE(LEGAL)]</p>
<p>Complaints</p>	<p>Law enforcement related complaints against a District police officer shall be in writing on a form provided by the District police department 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.</p> <p>Appeals regarding this complaint process shall be filed in accordance with DGBA, FNG, or GF, as appropriate.</p>