

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 District 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.

Police Authority and
Duties

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.

A District police officer 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).

Each District police officer 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, each District police officer shall:

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.

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.

A District police officer 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

A District police officer shall adhere to the regulations in the *HISD Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual* and to applicable directives governing police-related and non-police-related extra employment. A District police officer shall enforce all laws, including municipal ordinances, county ordinances, and state laws within another law enforcement agency's jurisdiction while working off-duty or temporarily assigned to another agency.

Relationship with
Outside Agencies

The District's police department and the law enforcement agencies with which it has overlapping jurisdiction shall enter into memoranda of understanding and other appropriate interlocal agree-

ments that outline reasonable communication and coordination efforts among the department and the agencies. All such agreements shall be approved by the Superintendent.

Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid

While operating pursuant to an interlocal agreement for mutual aid or other support for another law enforcement agency, each District police officer shall perform the duties and have the authorities set out in the agreement, including enforcing all laws within the other agency's jurisdiction.

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.

Access to Recordings

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)]

Body-Worn Cameras

A District police officer shall use a body-worn camera only when performing official law enforcement duties for the District 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. Each District police officer 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.

Training

Each District police officer and police dispatchers 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 chief of police and the Superintendent shall review the manual annually and make any appropriate revisions.

Racial Profiling

The chief of police shall develop and implement regulations to ensure compliance with laws regarding racial profiling. A District police officer shall not initiate any law enforcement action based on an individual's race, ethnicity, or national origin.

<u>Use of Force</u>	<u>The use of force, including deadly force, shall be authorized only when reasonable and necessary, as outlined in the department regulations manual.</u>
<u>High-Speed Pursuit</u>	<u>A District 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.</u>
<u>Vehicular Pursuit</u>	<p><u>A District police officer shall adhere to regulations in the <i>HISD Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual</i> and applicable directives governing vehicular pursuits. An officer shall not engage in a motor vehicle pursuit when the suspect's only possible offense (other than the Evading Arrest itself) includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>• Class C offenses,</u><u>• Traffic or municipal warrants, or</u><u>• Non-violent misdemeanor warrants.</u> <p><u>Once involved in a pursuit, the District police officer 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 pursuit shall be terminated immediately. If a pursuit is for a crime that is not District-related, the officer 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 shall discontinue direct involvement in the pursuit.</u></p>
<u>Duty During Inclement Weather or Other Emergencies</u>	<u>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 District police officers shall notify the District's police department office as soon as possible after arrival at their designated assignments.</u>
<u>Notice of Exposure to Communicable Disease</u>	<u>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 each District police officer as specified by law. [See CKE(LEGAL)]</u>
<u>Complaints</u>	<u>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</u>

accordance with law, the District shall provide to the police officer a copy of the complaint.

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

[See CKE(LEGAL) and CKEA(LEGAL)]

Contracted Security Officers

To assist with implementing the District's comprehensive safety programs, the District has entered into an agreement with a security services contractor for security officers in accordance with law. Contracted security officers shall provide services consistent with the terms of the agreement, the comprehensive safety programs, and Board policy.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of contracted security 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.

Authorization

Pursuant to its authority under state law, the Board may authorize contracted security officers to possess certain firearms in schools, at Board meetings, and at school-sponsored or school-related events on District property, to the extent allowed by law. Each contracted security officer shall have immunities as provided by law.

Each specifically authorized contracted security officer shall be approved by action of the Board. The Superintendent shall issue written authorization to each approved officer. The written authorization shall specify the District premises and other property where the contracted security officer is authorized to carry a firearm, as well as the means of carrying and storing the firearm.

Revocation

The Superintendent, as well as the Board, shall have the authority to revoke at any time a specific contracted security officer's authorization to possess a firearm on District property under this policy.

In addition, authorization for a specific contracted security officer to possess a firearm on District property under this policy shall be automatically revoked if the agreement with the security services contractor expires or is severed.

Duties

A contracted security officer shall not perform routine law enforcement duties unless the duty is performed in response to an emergency that poses a threat of death or serious bodily injury to a student, employee, or other individual on a District campus.

In the scope of their services as contracted security personnel, each security officer shall:

1. Protect the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the District and protect the property of the District.
2. Carry out all other duties in accordance with the agreement.

Training

The District shall ensure that each contracted security officer receives appropriate training.