

## **School Resource Officers (SROs)**

### *Director of Student Services*

The District has Interlocal Agreements with the Cities of Belton and Temple concerning the assignment of police officers to the District to serve as School Resource Officers (SROs). According to the Agreements:

- SROs are first and foremost Law Enforcement Officers for their respective city police departments.
- SROs shall be responsible for carrying out all duties and responsibilities as a police officer and shall remain at all times under the control, through the chain of command, of either the Belton or Temple Police Department.
- All acts of commission or omission shall conform to the guidelines of the Belton and Temple Police Department General Orders Manuals.
- SROs must realize that they are enforcement officers in regards to CRIMINAL matters only and that they are not school disciplinarians, and should not enforce any “school or house rule”. However, with the consent of the campus principal, may inform students of a flagrant rule violation that affects building order maintenance when a school official is not available.
- SROs report directly to the Commander in connection with teaching assignments and normal law enforcement duties and shall consult with District administrators concerning duties that affect the District as a whole or a particular campus.
- SROs will not involve themselves in administrative matters of the District, which are not criminal offenses.
- SROs are not formal counselors, and will not act as such; however, they are to be used as a resource to assist students, faculty, staff and all persons involved with the District.
- SROs are to be used as teachers.
- SROs can teach a variety of subjects to students and staff ranging from alcohol and drug education to formalized academy classes.
- SROs use teaching to build rapport between the students and the staff.
- SROs shall receive at least the minimum amount of educational training required by law.

Among other duties assigned in writing, SROs shall perform the following duties:

- Enforce criminal law and protect the students, staff and public at large against criminal activity.
- Provide information concerning questions about law enforcement to students and staff.
- Coordinate investigative procedures between police and school administrators.
- Handle initial police reports of crimes committed on campus.
- Take enforcement action on criminal matters when appropriate and keep campus administrators informed of actions before taking them, when practical.

SROs are not District employees, nor are they members of a District “law enforcement unit”; and therefore, SROs have limited access to student records protected from disclosure by FERPA only to the extent necessary to protect the health or safety of students or other individuals. ***See*** Student Records: Access by Law Enforcement for more information about the application to FERPA.

## **Sex Offenders: Procedures to Follow When Individual Identified Using Raptor System**

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The following is the procedure when a person is identified as a registered sex offender using the Raptor System: