

BRITTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy District Police/Security Department

BP 3515.3

To help protect the safety of district students and staff and the security of district property, the Governing Board shall maintain a district police or security department. The Board is committed to providing a positive school climate, mental health services, other student support services, and restorative justice practices to resolve conflicts and reduce law enforcement interactions with students.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to staff regarding the role of district police or security officers and the appropriate circumstances for contacting such officers.

Persons employed as members of the district police department, when appointed and duly sworn, are peace officers for the purposes of carrying out their duties pursuant to Penal Code 830.32. (Education Code 38001)

The district's police department may be supplemented by a school police reserve officer corps, which may include unpaid volunteer reserve police officers. For the duration of their specific assignment, school police reserve officers shall have the same powers and duties as other school police officers. (Education Code 35021.5; Penal Code 830.6)

When notified by a school official of a threat or perceived threat that a student is preparing to commit a homicidal act related to a school or school activity, district police and security officers shall, with the support of the district, immediately conduct an investigation and assessment of the threat or perceived threat. Such investigation and assessment shall include a search of the school site only if there is reasonable suspicion that the search would produce evidence related to the threat or perceived threat. (Education Code 49390, 49393, 49394)

Conduct of Officers

The Board expects district police or security officers to cooperate and regularly communicate with local law enforcement agencies, and to work collaboratively with other district staff and community members to develop longterm, proactive approaches that address the conditions affecting school safety. District police or security officers shall conduct themselves in ways that promote goodwill and cooperation on the

part of students, district staff, and the general public. District police or security officers shall not discriminate against or treat any person differently on the basis of race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information; a perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

District police or security officers shall not solicit or collect information or documents regarding the citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members or provide assistance with immigration enforcement at district schools, except as may be required by state and/or federal law. (Education Code 234.7)

Whenever possible, district police or security officers shall use tactics such as de-escalation techniques, crisis intervention tactics, or other alternatives to force to minimize the use of force. The district police department shall maintain and make accessible to the public a policy on the use of force in accordance with Government Code 7286 and consistent with district policy and administrative regulation. Officers shall periodically receive training regarding applicable district policies and the guidelines from the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Equipment

The Board authorizes district police or security officers to carry firearms in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulations

Records

District police or security officers shall not have access to student records, nor release student information to another person, agency, or organization, without written permission from the parent/guardian or adult student, unless specifically allowed or required by state or federal law. (Education Code 49076; 34 CFR 99.1)

Records created and maintained by the district police or security department for a law enforcement purpose are not considered disclosable student records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. (34 CFR 99.3)

State References Description

Ed. Code 234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status

Ed. Code 35021.5 School police reserve corps

Ed. Code 38000-38005 Security departments

Ed. Code 45113 Probationary period and permanent status; non-merit system districts

Ed. Code 45122.1 Classified employees; conviction of a violent or serious felony

Ed. Code 45133.5 School police department; work schedule

Ed. Code 45301 Probationary period and permanent status; merit system districts

Ed. Code 49076 Access to student records

Ed. Code 49079 Notification to teacher; student act constituting grounds for suspension or expulsion

Ed. Code 49390-49395 Homicide threats