

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SECURITY

Buildings of the Jackson Public School District constitute one of the greatest investments of the school system which should be protected adequately.

The superintendent is directed to establish rules and regulations as may be needed for security to include, but not be limited to:

1. provisions for door locks
2. minimizing fire hazards
3. reducing the possibility of faulty equipment
4. keeping records and funds in a safe place
5. protection against vandalism and burglary
6. the prosecution of vandals
7. school visitors

SECURITY PERSONNEL

The school board, in its discretion, may employ one or more persons as security personnel and may designate such persons as peace officers in or on any property operated for school purposes by such board upon their taking such oath and making such bond as required of a constable of the county in which the school is situated.

BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

Any person employed by a school board, as a security guard or school resource officer, or in any other position that has the powers of a peace officer, must receive a minimum level of basic law enforcement training, as jointly determined and prescribed by the Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training and the State Board of Education, within two (2) years of the person's initial employment in such position. Upon the failure of any person employed in such position to receive the required training within the designated time, the person may not exercise the powers of a peace officer in or on the property of the school district.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

If a law enforcement officer is duly appointed to be a peace officer by a school district under this section, the local school board may enter into an interlocal agreement with other law enforcement entities for the provision of equipment or traffic control duties, however, the duty to enforce traffic regulations and to enforce the laws of the state or municipality off of school property lies with the

local police or sheriff's department which cannot withhold its services solely because of the lack of such an agreement.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HIRED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The governing authorities of any municipality or the board of supervisors of any county may allow off-duty municipal or county law enforcement officers who are hired individually for security purposes by the school district or districts within that municipal or county to use municipal or county law enforcement uniforms and equipment during such off-duty employment.

The board encourages close cooperation with police and fire departments and with insurance company inspectors.

Access to school buildings and grounds outside of regular school hours shall be limited to personnel whose work requires it.

An adequate key control system shall be established which will limit access to buildings to authorized personnel and will safeguard against the potential of entrance to buildings by leaving keys in the hands of unauthorized persons.

Security alarm systems and other protective devices designed to be used as safeguards against illegal entry and vandalism shall be installed when appropriate to the individual situation.

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