

School Safety and Security Services Program

Student safety is a priority in University Place School District. To serve this end, the district may employ safety and security staff at individual school sites and/or at the district level.

“Safety and security staff” means a school resource officer, a school security officer, a campus security officer, and any other commissioned or noncommissioned employee or contractor, whose primary job duty is to provide safety or security services for a public school. Staff members who provide general supervision for students as all or part of their job responsibilities are not considered safety and security staff.

“School resource officer” (SRO) means a commissioned law enforcement officer in the state of Washington with sworn authority to make arrests, deployed in community-oriented policing, and assigned by the employing police department or sheriff’s office to work in schools to build positive relationships with students and address crime and disorder problems, gangs, and drug activities affecting or occurring in or around K–12 schools. School resource officers should focus on keeping students out of the criminal justice system when possible and should not be used to attempt to impose criminal sanctions in matters that are more appropriately handled within the educational system.

Purpose

The purpose of the University Place School District safety and security services program is to improve school safety and the educational climate at the school. The safety and security staff shall be integrated into the school community through participation in faculty and student meetings and assemblies as appropriate. They shall support a positive school climate by developing positive relationships with students, parents, and staff, and by helping to promote a safe, inclusive, and positive learning environment. Safety and security staff will also support the school-based threat assessment process, as needed.

Limitations

The primary responsibility for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools resides with school principals or their designee, with the support of other school staff including safety and security staff employed by the district. Principals or their designee maintain order and handle all student discipline matters consistent with Student Discipline Policy and Procedure 3241. A school resource officer (see definition above) is prohibited from assigning disciplinary consequences to students and will not participate in decision-making related to school discipline situations that are the responsibility of school administrators.

Requests for Intervention

Teachers and school administrators may ask safety and security staff to intervene if a student’s presence poses an immediate and continuing danger to others or an immediate and continuing threat of material and substantial disruption of the educational process or in other emergency circumstances consistent with 3432 – Emergencies. Safety and security staff do not need to be asked before intervening in emergencies.

Sharing Information about School Safety and Security Staff

At the beginning of each school year, each school principal, or designee, will share information with students, and families about the role and responsibilities of safety and security staff that are pertinent to that school.

Law Enforcement Activity and Immigration Enforcement

RCW 26.44.030 **Reports--Duty and authority to make--Duty of receiving agency--Duty to notify--Case planning and consultation--Penalty for unauthorized exchange of information--Filing dependency petitions--Investigations--Interviews of children--Records--Risk assessment process**

RCW 26.44.050 Abuse or neglect of child — Duty of law enforcement agency or department of children, youth, and families — Taking child into custody without court order, when

RCW 26.44.110 Information about rights — Custody without court order — Written statement required — Contents

RCW 26.44.115 Child taken into custody under court order — Information to parents

RCW 28A.300.640 School-based threat assessment program – Model policy and procedure

RCW 28A.300.645 Monitoring and data collection--Comprehensive safe school plans, student distress, and school-based threat assessment programs

RCW 28A.320.124 School resource officer programs

SHB 1140, Chapter 328, Laws of 2021 Law Enforcement Contact with Juveniles – Access to Attorney

20 U.S.C. 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

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