

POLICY

Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools

Related Entries: JI, JI-RA, JKD, JICF, JICF-RA, JIH, JIH-RA, JLIBA, JLIBA-RA, [KLG-RA](#)
Responsible Office: Chief Operating Officer

Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities

I. PURPOSE

The Board of Education is committed to developing and maintaining cooperative working relationships with law enforcement agencies. The superintendent or designee shall meet with law enforcement authorities and establish agreed upon procedures for cooperation between law enforcement and school authorities. Such procedures shall be made available to affected staff and periodically revised.

II. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The primary responsibility for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools is that of staff. Staff shall be responsible for holding students accountable for infractions of school rules which may include minor violations of law occurring during school hours or at school activities.
- B. When there is a substantial threat to the health and safety of students or others such as bomb threats, mass demonstrations with the threat of violence, individual threats of substantial bodily harm, trafficking in prohibited drugs, or the scheduling of events where large crowds may be difficult to handle, the law enforcement agency will be called for assistance.
- C. Information regarding major violations of the law shall be communicated to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- D. The school principal or designee will serve as that building's liaison with law enforcement agencies. Contacts from and to law enforcement will be through this individual.
- E. Divisions of Law Enforcement
 1. The school resource officer (SRO) is to serve as a resource for the schools, students, and police. The SRO's role includes providing training, security, and interaction with students in both non-enforcement and law enforcement roles. The SRO is responsible for enforcing criminal law but does not have the authority or responsibility to enforce school policy; however, he/she may serve as a witness or peacekeeper when a school authority is enforcing policy.

2. Juvenile Probation Parole Officers (JPPO) Or Juvenile Probation Clinical Social Workers (JPCSW)
 - a. In order to minimize confusion and conflict as to which students fall within the supervisory jurisdiction and supervision of the JPP Office, the JPP Office shall identify such students to each individual school in which such students are enrolled, as well as to the school district.
 - b. It should not ordinarily be necessary for a JPPO/JPCSW to interview or contact students at school during school hours or on school grounds except under exigent circumstances. When this occurs, the principal is responsible to facilitate the process.
3. It is the policy of the Border Patrol not to go onto school campuses except in emergency situations such as when they might have a parent in custody. In the event this was to occur, the school principal is to follow the same provisions pertaining to law enforcement authorities.

III. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed on an on-going basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

History: Previously Policies 362, 363, 364, 365, Revised 01.17.06



Approved by Board of Education, President

01.17.06

Date