

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT:

The District has a written agreement with local law enforcement agencies. The agreement clarifies operational responsibilities for investigations of Part I violent crimes, defined by law as willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, occurring at each location.

The written agreement designates which law enforcement agency has operational responsibility for violent crimes and delineates the specific geographical boundaries of each agency's operational responsibility, including maps as necessary.

The written agreements required by the Board policy are public records and are made available for inspection by members of the public upon request to District Police.

The District Police Department maintains a close working relationship with local law enforcement agencies. Meetings may be held between the leaders of these agencies on both a formal and informal basis. District Police and local law enforcement agencies communicate regularly on the scene of incidents that occur in and around all District campus areas. When incidents arise that require joint investigative efforts, resources, crime related reports and exchanges of information, the District Police Department will work closely with local law enforcement agencies.

In response to a call, the District Police Department will take the required action, dispatching an officer or asking the victim to file an incident report. All incident reports received by the District Police are forwarded to the Vice President, Student Services, or designee for review and potential action. The District Police may investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate.

Crimes should be reported to the District Police Department to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate.

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety related incidents to the District Police Department in a timely manner. To report a crime or an emergency at any District facility, call the District Police Department at 911 (9-911 from a District phone). To report a non-emergency security or public safety related matter, call the District Police at (559-730-3999).

The District Police have complete police authority to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts at any District facility and areas adjacent to any District campus. If minor offenses involving District rules and regulations are committed by a student, the District Police may also refer the individual to the Vice President, Student Services, or

designee. Major offenses such as rape, murder, aggravated assault, robbery, and auto theft are reported to the District Police who work with the local law enforcement agency to solve these serious felony crimes.

District Police personnel work closely with local, state, and federal police agencies. The District Police Department is also a part of the local 911 Emergency system. This information is provided to the Vice President, Student Services, or designee for any action or follow-up that may be required.

Campus “professional counselors,” when acting as such, are not considered to be campus security officers and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, they are encouraged, if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion into the annual crime statistics.

A “professional counselor” is an employee of the District whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to students of the District’s community and who is functioning within the scope of their license or certification.

References: Education Code Section 67381; 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 668.46.

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