

**TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

**SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT:  
PEACE OFFICER**

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**EMPLOYMENT OF PEACE OFFICER** The Board authorizes the Superintendent to commission a peace officer. The peace officer shall be commissioned in the same manner as a board of trustees of a school district under Section 37.081.

A peace officer commissioned under this policy must meet all minimum standards for peace officers established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

**Education Code 30.052(I)**

**JURISDICTION** The jurisdiction of the peace officer shall include all territory within the geographical boundaries of the Texas School for the Deaf and all property, real and personal, outside the boundaries of the School that is owned, leased, or rented by or otherwise under the School's control.

**DUTIES** The peace officer shall have the following responsibilities:

**LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AND CRIME  
PREVENTION**

1. Prevent and investigate violations of law, ordinances, or School policy that occur on School property and at School functions; that involve School vehicles or buses; or that involve offenses against the School or against School employees or Board members in their capacity as School employees or Board members.
2. Carry weapons in accordance with procedures or agreements approved by the Board.
3. Take juveniles into custody as provided by the Texas Family Code if there is probable cause to believe that the child has engaged in conduct that violates a penal law of this state or a penal ordinance of a subdivision of this state, delinquent conduct, or conduct indicating a need for supervision.
4. Arrest suspects consistent with state and federal statutory and constitutional standards governing arrests, including arrests without warrant for offenses that occur in the officer's presence or under the other rules set out in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures.
5. In coordination with School Security Officers and Workers, patrol School streets and engage in traffic enforcement activities on School streets and grounds.
6. Engage in activities and programs approved by the Superintendent or designee designed to prevent or deter crimes against School property or School.
7. In coordination with Security Officers and Workers, assist in providing traffic and parking control at athletic events, at school closings or openings, or at any other time deemed necessary by the Superintendent or designee to ensure the safety and welfare of students, staff and School patrons.
8. Enforce laws related to the safe operation of school buses and other vehicles owned or leased by the School.
9. Investigate violations of School rules and regulations as requested by School administration and participate in administrative hearings concerning the alleged violations.
10. Participate in judicial proceedings.

**STUDENT COUNSELING  
AND MENTORING**

11. Counsel students in special situations, such as students suspected of engaging in criminal misconduct, when requested by the Superintendent, Directors of Instruction, Principals or designees.

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- 12. Inform students of their rights and responsibilities as lawful citizens.
- 13. Prevent juvenile delinquency through counseling with students and school personnel.

**LAW-RELATED  
STUDENT EDUCATION**

- 14. Provide and coordinate, with school departments, student training in the areas of criminal justice system, constitutional law, "runaway" students, juvenile justice system, substance abuse, drinking and driving, fighting, hate crimes, law enforcement history, juvenile rights, and making laws.
- 15. Develop educational crime prevention programs to reduce the opportunity for crimes against persons and property in the school.

**TRAINING**

The School shall provide each peace officer with a training program every 24 months that is approved by TCLEOSE and includes education and training in:

- 1. Civil rights, racial sensitivity, and cultural diversity, and
- 2. Recognition of cases that involve child abuse, child neglect, family violence, and sexual assault.

**Gov't Code 415.034**

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The School shall provide each officer with a continuing education program as required by Occupations Code Title 10, Chapter 1701, Subchapter H. Occupations Code 1701, Subch. H

**COMPLAINT AGAINST  
PEACE OFFICER**

In order for a complaint against a School peace officer to be considered by the Superintendent, the complaint must be in writing and signed by the person making the complaint. A copy of the complaint shall be given to the officer within a reasonable time after it is filed, and no disciplinary action shall be taken against the officer as a result of the complaint unless a copy is given to the officer. The officer may not be indefinitely suspended or terminated based on the subject matter of the complaint unless the complaint is investigated and there is evidence to prove the allegation of misconduct.

**Gov't Code Ch. 614, Subch. B; Atty. Gen. Op. GA-251 (2004)**

**NOTICE OF EXPOSURE TO  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

At any time the School employs a peace officer, the Human Resources Director shall ensure that a notice is posted in the Human Resources Office and in the peace officer's work area informing the peace officer about Health and Safety Code requirements which may affect qualifying for workers' compensation benefits following a work-related exposure to a reportable communicable disease. The notice posted shall be the notice contained in Texas Administrative Rule 110.108.

**28 TAC 110.108**

**BOND REQUIRED**

Any peace officer assigned to duty and commissioned under this policy shall take and file the oath required of peace officers and shall execute and file a bond in the sum of \$1,000, payable to the Governing Board, with two or more sureties, conditioned on the officer's performance of his or her duties.

Education Code 37.081(h)

Any peace officer commissioned under this section must meet all minimum

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standards for peace officers established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

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