

Article V.A.5. School Resource Officer Agreements and Contracts

A. Statement of Purpose

The Granite School District (District) maintains its own sworn police force. The Board of Education of Granite School District (Board) also maintains relationships with local law enforcement agencies to provide School Resource Officers (SROs) for the District. The Board recognizes the important work that the police and SROs do in keeping our schools safe so that learning can remain the top priority.

B. Definitions

1. “Law enforcement agency” means any government agency that contains a sworn police force responsible for enforcing the law.
2. “School Resource Officer (SRO)” means a law enforcement officer who works in a school who is an employee of Granite School District Police Department (GPD) or pursuant to a contract executed by the District and an allied law enforcement agency.

C. Agreements and Contracts regarding SROs

An SRO agreement or contract shall include but is not limited to the following provisions detailed in Utah Code §53G-8-703.

1. An acknowledgement by the law enforcement agency that an SRO hired under the contract shall:
 - a. provide for and maintain a safe, healthy, and productive environment in a school;
 - b. act as a positive role model to students;
 - c. work to create a cooperative, proactive, and problem-solving partnership between law enforcement and the District;
 - d. emphasize the use of restorative approaches to address negative behavior; and
 - e. at the request of the District, teach a vocational law enforcement class.
2. The contract shall contain a description of the shared understanding the District and the law enforcement agency regarding the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement and the District to maintain safe schools, improve school climate, and support educational opportunities for students.
3. The contract shall contain designation of student offenses the SRO may refer to juvenile court, and which offenses the SRO shall confer with the District to resolve and shall refer to a school administrator for resolution as an administrative issue with the understanding that the SRO will be informed of the outcome of the administrative action.

4. The contract shall contain a detailed description of the rights of a student under state and federal law with regard to searches, questioning, arrests, and information privacy.
5. The contract shall contain a detailed description of job assignment and duties including:
 - a. the school to which the SRO will be assigned;
 - b. the hours the SRO is expected to be present at the school;
 - c. the point of contact at the school;
 - d. specific responsibilities for providing and receiving information;
 - e. types of records to be kept, and by whom;
 - f. training requirements; and
 - g. other expectations of the SRO and school administration in relation to law enforcement at the District.
6. An SRO who is hired under the contract and the principal at the school where an SRO will be working, or the principal's designee, will jointly complete the SRO training described in Utah Code §53G-8-702.
7. The District and the law enforcement shall jointly discuss SRO applicants and work together to hire and retain the best possible SRO candidates.
8. The law enforcement agency will, at least annually, seek out and accept feedback from the District about an SRO's performance.

REFERENCES

Utah Code §53G-8-701 *et. seq.* School Resource Officers