

Descriptor Term:
RELATIONSHIP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Descriptor Code:
5.1200

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47

Cross References: 4.3600 Code of Student Conduct

The board recognizes the importance of law enforcement authorities in providing safe schools. The board desires an effective working relationship with law enforcement. To this end, the superintendent and principals are expected to communicate the needs of the schools and work with law enforcement officials in developing joint programs and in the establishment of protocols for handling situations in which the assistance of law enforcement is helpful or necessary. The superintendent shall establish procedures for school contacts with law enforcement agencies.

The superintendent shall ensure that local law enforcement and emergency management agencies have copies of floor plans of all school buildings and site plans showing campus boundaries and access points.

School resource officers shall be assigned duties as specified in a written understanding between the law enforcement agency and the school system.

Law enforcement officials are not to be used in conducting administrative investigations, including investigations to determine whether student behavior policies have been violated.

School administrators and employees are expected to cooperate in criminal investigations but should attempt to do so in a way that minimizes disruptions to the educational environment.