

Dickson County of Education

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The Director of Schools shall establish procedures to protect school property which shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Closing and securing teacher work areas when left unattended or at the end of the day;
2. Denying students permission to use the classrooms, laboratories, gymnasiums, or other school facilities or equipment without appropriate supervision;
3. Controlling the issuance of keys;
4. Developing programs that contribute to the proper care and use of school facilities and equipment; and
5. Ensuring that equipment purchased with federal funds is managed as directed by federal law.¹

All exterior doors leading into a school building shall be locked at all times and access to school buildings is limited to the school's primary entrance during the school day as well as when students are present outside of regular school hours. If outside of regular school hours, there is a need to unlock the doors during a school activity, a school district employee, or school resource officer, shall be stationed to ensure and monitor access is limited to authorized persons.²

The principal shall call law enforcement officials in cases involving illegal entry, building damage, theft, or vandalism.

The principal shall notify the Director of Schools as soon as practical, but no longer than twenty-four (24) hours, after a case of vandalism, theft, building damage, and/or illegal entry.

The Director of Schools/designee is authorized to sign a criminal complaint and press charges against perpetrators of vandalism against school property.

SCHOOL POLICING

The Board may enter into collaborative partnerships with appropriate law enforcement agencies to provide school policing. Any memorandum of understanding shall address, at a minimum, the following issues:³

¹ TCA 49-6-805(3)

² Public Acts of 2023, Chapter No. 367

³ TCA 49-6-4217

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- 2 1. Any school resource officer (SRO) assigned under the MOU shall be in compliance with all laws,
- 3 regulations, and rules of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission at the time of
- 4 assignment and remain compliant throughout his/her assignment.
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- 6 2. As a condition of assignment, any SRO shall participate in forty (40) hours of basic training in
- 7 school policing within twelve (12) months of assignment. Every year thereafter, the SRO shall
- 8 participate in a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of training specific to school policing. All training
- 9 programs shall be approved by the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission.
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- 11 3. Any SRO assigned under the MOU remains an employee of the law enforcement agency and is
- 12 subject to that agency's direction, control, supervision, and discipline. Though the Board may
- 13 agree to indemnify and reimburse the law enforcement agency for any part or all of the increased
- 14 costs incurred by the law enforcement agency as a result of the assignment of the SROs.
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- 16 4. No officer shall be assigned to a school, or continue in such an assignment, without the consent
- 17 of the Director of Schools.
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- 19 5. In the event that more than one (1) SRO is assigned to a school district, the law enforcement
- 20 agency shall designate one (1) of the SROs as the senior SRO. The duties of the senior SRO shall
- 21 include, but not be limited to, the following:
- 22 a. Representing and carrying out the policies of the law enforcement agency assigning the
- 23 SROs;
- 24 b. Supervising the SROs in the performance of their duties;
- 25 c. Consulting with the Director of Schools regarding the best use of the available resources for
- 26 school policing; and
- 27 d. Resolving disputes between the SROs and students or staff members.
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- 29 6. The MOU may be effective for any length of time, including continuing until terminated by the
- 30 parties, and may contain any reasonable notice requirement for the termination of the MOU.
- 31 However, the MOU shall contain a provision allowing the Director of Schools to suspend the
- 32 active participation of any SROs in the event that the Director of Schools believes that such
- 33 suspension is best for the health, safety, or wellbeing of the students or staff members.
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35 CYBERSECURITY⁴

36 The Director of Schools/designee shall develop an administrative procedure regarding the district's
37 cybersecurity plan to identify cybersecurity risks, implement mitigation planning and protect
38 cyberinfrastructure against cyberattacks and other cybersecurity threats and incidents.

⁴ Public Acts of 2021, Chapter No. 335

