

Lakeland Board of Education

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1 The superintendent shall establish procedures as required to adequately protect school property which
2 shall include, but not be limited to:

- 3 1. Closing and securing teacher work areas when being left unattended or at the end of the day;
- 4 2. Denying students permission to use the classrooms, laboratories, gymnasiums or other school
5 facilities or equipment without appropriate faculty supervision;
- 6 3. Controlling the issuance of building keys and master keys; and
- 7 4. Developing programs which contribute to the proper care and use of school facilities and
8 equipment.
- 9 5. Equipment purchased with federal funds shall be managed as directed by federal and state law.¹

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

11 The principal shall notify the superintendent as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours after each
12 case of vandalism, theft, building damage and illegal entry.

13 The superintendent, or his/her representative, is authorized to sign a criminal complaint and to press
14 charges against perpetrators of vandalism against school property.

15 SCHOOL POLICING

16 The Board may enter into a memorandum of understanding with the chief of a law enforcement agency
17 to provide school policing. Any memorandum of understanding shall address, at a minimum, the fol-
18 lowing issues:²

- 19 1. Any School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned under a memorandum must be in compliance
20 with all laws, regulations and rules of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission at
21 the time of assignment and remain compliant throughout the tenure of his or her assignment;
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- 23 2. As a condition of assignment, any SRO must participate in forty (40) hours of basic training in
24 school policing within twelve (12) months of assignment. Every year thereafter, the SRO shall
25 participate in a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of training specific to school policing. All
26 training programs shall be approved by the Peace Officers Standards and Training
27 Commission.
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- 29 3. Any SRO assigned under the memorandum remains an employee of the law enforcement
30 agency, subject to that agency's direction, control, supervision and discipline.
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- 1 4. No officer shall be assigned to a school, or continue in such an assignment, without the consent
2 of the Superintendent.
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- 4 5. In the event that more than one SRO is assigned to a school system, the law enforcement
5 agency shall designate one of the SROs as the senior SRO, or such other, appropriate title. The
6 duties of the senior SRO, however designated, shall include, but not be limited to, the
7 following:
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 - 9 a. To represent and carry out the policies of the law enforcement agency assigning the
10 SROs.
 - 11 b. To supervise the SROs in the performance of their duties;
 - 12 c. To consult with the Superintendent regarding the best use of the available resources for
13 school policing; and
 - 14 d. To resolve disputes between the SROs and students or faculty members.
- 15 6. The memorandum may be effective for any length of time, including continuing until
16 terminated by the parties, and may contain any reasonable notice requirement for the
17 termination of the memorandum. However, the memorandum shall contain a provision
18 allowing the superintendent to suspend the active participation of the SROs in the event that the
19 superintendent certifies that the health, safety or well-being of the students or faculty
20 members requires the immediate suspension.
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Legal References

- 1. EDGAR 34 subtitle A Part 80.32
- 2. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-4217

Cross References

- Visitors to the Schools 1.501
- Care of School Property 6.311