

POLICE / SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

- I. It is appropriate for the District to have a program that enriches relationships through education, communication, and understanding between the school, youth, police, and the community.
- II. The Police/School Resource program is a collaborative effort between the School District and the Port Washington Police Department. The intent of the program is to provide appropriate and relevant information, instruction, and resource services to students, teachers and parents associated with District-wide educational planning. As an educational resource, the officer shall be committed to enriching communication and understanding among the school/youth/police and community. This role is to be accomplished in cooperation with authorized school administrators.
- III. The Director of Special Services is the designated liaison between the School District and the Port Washington Police Department and oversees the operation of the program and assists in the coordination between buildings. The principal or assistant principal is the designated contact person between the school and the Police/School Resource Officer. Responsibilities and time allocations shall be cooperatively determined between the District and the police department, including programming services to address elementary, middle and high school issues. It is intended that services and activities assumed by the officer shall not substitute those responsibilities assigned to current District personnel.
- IV. Role of Police/School Resource Officer
 - A. Law Enforcement – The Police/School Resource Officer has an obligation to serve, protect, and uphold the law by remaining current and in compliance with State and Federal statutes and regulations related to juveniles.
 - B. Resource – The Police/School Resource Officer is a resource person to/for the student, the family, the school, and the community.
 - C. Referral Agent – As a referral agent, the Police/School Resource Officer should be knowledgeable of availability of services for young people and their families and help people contact appropriate agencies.
 - D. Educational Resource – The Police/School Resource Officer will serve an educational function by assisting school staff in the provision of courses of study or programs designed to acquaint students with the law, the ways in which it operates on the local/State level, and how it touches their lives.

- V. The Police/School Resource Officer will make an annual report to the Board of Education. This report will summarize activities conducted throughout the year and will include recommendations for the coming school year. Additional updates may be requested by the Board.
- VI. Guidelines for the Police/School Resource Officers school operations and activities will be disseminated per distribution of the School District's Policies for Parents and Students Handbook.

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The Port Washington-Saukville School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Special Services, Port Washington-Saukville School District, 100 W. Monroe Street, Port Washington, WI 53074 - Duane.Woelfel@pwssd.k12.wi.us