

**DISTRICT POLICE**

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**TITLE:        **District Police****

**POLICY:**

- (1)        Establishment of District Police and Designation of Agency Head.

In accordance with Section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, the School Board of Orange County, Florida (“Board”) authorizes the Superintendent to establish the Orange County Public Schools District Police (“OCPS District Police”). The Superintendent is hereby authorized to employ law enforcement officers and other employees to serve with the OCPS District Police, to designate an Agency Head therefore, and to provide other law enforcement services for the district. The OCPS District Police shall operate under the OCPS Safety and Security Services Department.

- (2)        Agency Head Responsibilities and OCPS District Police Procedures Manual.

(a)        The Agency Head shall develop and implement OCPS District Police procedures that provide a framework for the agency, set standards, and define specific roles and responsibilities of the OCPS District Police.

(b)        The OCPS District Police procedures shall be established, maintained, and updated in the OCPS District Police Procedures Manual, portions of which shall be exempt from public disclosure in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

(c)        All OCPS District Police law enforcement officers and other employees serving with the OCPS District Police shall comply with the OCPS District Police Procedures Manual. Failure to do so may subject the employee to discipline, up to and including termination.

- (3)        Eligibility for Service and Authority of OCPS District Police Officers.

(a)        The Board shall employ OCPS District Police officers in accordance with Section 943.13, Florida Statutes. Any individual employed as an OCPS District Police Officer shall also meet any other requirements established by the Agency Head.

(b)        Pursuant to Section 1006.12, Florida Statutes, as school safety officers, OCPS District Police officers have and shall exercise the power to make arrests for violations of law on property owned or operated by the Board and to arrest persons, whether on or off such property, who violate any law on such property under the same conditions that deputy sheriffs are authorized to

make arrests. OCPS District Police officers shall act in accordance with the provisions in the OCPS District Police Procedures Manual.

- (c) An OCPS District Police officer shall have the authority to carry weapons when performing his or her official duties and as authorized by the Agency Head.

(4) OCPS District Police Services.

The OCPS District Police shall provide services and assistance to the Board and to the OCPS community. These services shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Preventing and detecting crime and enforcing the laws of the State of Florida as violations occur on or about property owned or operated by the Board;
- (b) As directed by the Superintendent, enforcing Board policies and other administrative rules on or about property owned or operated by the Board;
- (c) Protecting students, employees, Board members, and the public;
- (d) Protecting real or personal property owned or operated by the Board;
- (e) Investigating crimes and other alleged violations of the law;
- (f) Acting as a liaison, participating on interagency task forces, and serving on advisory boards or committees with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies;
- (g) Consulting with OCPS employees and outside entities in the general area of public safety;
- (h) Enforcing all traffic laws of the State of Florida when such violations occur on or about property or facilities that are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of the Board in accordance with Section 316.640, Florida Statutes; and
- (i) Providing assistance to other law enforcement agencies and carrying out activities and responsibilities as specified in Mutual Aid Agreements, entered into under Chapter 23, Florida Statutes, as well as in Interlocal Agreements, entered into under Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

**SPECIFIC AUTHORITY:** Sections 23.125; 163.01; 316.640; 943.13; 1001.41; 1001.42; 1006.07; 1006.12; 1012.22, Florida Statutes

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