

**Permanent Personnel****DIVISION OF SCHOOL POLICE--ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Providing for necessary law enforcement services is an important function in a large and complex school system which provides services for more than three hundred thousand students, employs thousands of individuals, and has responsibility for public property valued in excess of a billion dollars.

All school personnel share in the responsibility for maintenance of a secure and safe school environment, protection of school personnel and property, prevention of interference in school operations, and prevention of violations of school laws and policies.

However, certain specialized services are necessary to support district, region, and school staffs in fulfilling these responsibilities. Therefore, the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to establish the required school system security services.

The functions of the Division of School Police shall include providing assistance in the following areas:

1. The prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal laws of this state as the violation occurs on or to the properties of the Dade County Public Schools;
2. The protection of students, staff members, and the school public;
3. The protection of school property;
4. Investigations of staff personnel;
5. Liaison with local law enforcement agencies;
6. Preventative and consultant activities in the areas of safety and security;
7. Assistance to other law enforcement agencies as specified in Mutual Aid Agreements provided for in F.S. 23.1225; and
8. Enforce all traffic laws of this state when such violations occur on or about property or facilities which are under the control of the district school board as provided for in F.S. 316.640.

The specific policies and procedures relative to the organization and responsibilities of security services for the school system are found in the publication, **Departmental Manual, Special Investigative Unit**, issued by the Bureau of Personnel Management, and incorporated by reference in this rule as a part hereof.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 23.1225; 230.23(13); 316.640; 943.13 F.S.

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