

500 PERSONNEL

550 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DUTIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the duties, responsibilities and limitations of the School Resource officer assigned to District 917.

II. POSITION ON DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer is an employee of Dakota County Law Enforcement. It is the intent of the district that the School Resource Officer act in a cooperative role with district staff in addressing potential criminal issues and security issues that arise within the district, as well as providing school safety and education about law enforcement systems and processes. The School Resource Officer is to serve as a peace officer at district sites. The School Resource Officer should not be considered as part of district administration, teaching staff, or support staff. The School Resource Officer shall be assigned no duties or responsibilities for carrying out or assisting with student behavior interventions, routine discipline, or educational planning.

III. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

- A. Provides security for students and staff.
- B. Takes statements regarding criminal activities and completes police reports.
- C. Facilitates communication and cooperation between district officials and County juvenile authorities and local police officials.
- D. Assists district staff in understanding the Dakota County Juvenile Court system, law enforcement issues, and the court referral process.
- E. Provides an in-house law enforcement source for school staff and students in processing criminal matters that arise in district setting.
- F. Serves as a role model and endeavors to build rapport with students and staff.

- G. School Resource Officers are considered “school officials” only when performing their duties as a School Resource Officer.

District 917 shall provide training to its educational staff on the proper role of the School Resource Officer in the district.