

Board Policy EBC: Security

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The Board of Public Education for Bibb County ("Board") recognizes the need to provide assistance to administrators and teachers in maintaining order and providing security for staff, students, and property. To that end, the Board has authorized and established the Bibb County School District Campus Police Department ("Campus Police Department"). This Department shall be supervised by a Chief of Campus Police. The Department will be under the supervision of the Superintendent or designee.

Responsibility and Scope

The Campus Police Department will have the following primary functions and responsibilities:

1. The physical security of students and staff on all property owned by the Bibb County School District ("District");
2. The security of property owned by the District and student property when legally on a school campus. This responsibility includes protection from theft, vandalism or misuse;
3. Traffic control at schools when so assigned, as well as at off-campus events sponsored by the District;
4. The investigation of criminal activity where the District's responsibility exists, and apprehension of suspected perpetrators of criminal activity within applicable state and local law; and,
5. Fostering an attitude of respect for the personal property and property rights of others and cultivating respect for authority.

Campus Police Department Officers are deputized by the Bibb County Sheriff's Department and will have the same law enforcement powers on school property as law enforcement officers of the Bibb County Sheriff's Department. The law enforcement powers will include the power of arrest. Campus Police officers are authorized to carry a standard issue firearm similar to law enforcement officers of Bibb County Sheriff's Department. Such firearms are Department approved weapons consistent with the Campus Police protocols and standards of local law enforcement agencies.

Qualifications for Campus Police Officers

An applicant must meet the following minimum criteria to qualify as a campus police officer.

1. Be a Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council ("P.O.S.T.") certified law enforcement officer or be eligible to be a P.O.S.T. certified law enforcement officer;
 2. Be at least 21 years of age;
 3. Have a valid Georgia driver's license or be eligible to obtain a Georgia driver's license;
 4. Have no record of criminal convictions other than minor traffic offenses; and
 5. Must be demonstrably physically fit, of excellent moral character, financially responsible, and pass an extensive background and reference check.
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