Board Policy S-7:
Law Enforcement Access to Students and Student Records

REFERENCES
S-7: Administrative Procedures, Law Enforcement Access to Students and Student Records
Utah Code Ann. §53G-8-402-405, Notification
Utah Code Ann. §53G-8-701 et seq., School Resource Officers
Utah Code Ann. §62A-4a-403, Reporting Requirements
Utah Special Education Rules
Board Policy S-2: Student Records, Privacy Rights, and Release of Information
Board Policy S-8: Child Abuse

THE POLICY

The Salt Lake City School District Board of Education complies with all state and federal laws regarding law enforcement access to student records and to students while they are at school. In complying with these laws, the board is committed to protecting students’ privacy and constitutional rights with respect to their education records and their person.

The board welcomes school resource officers (SROs) in its schools. SROs have many functions, including training, counselling, performing outreach, acting as a positive role model, increasing school safety, and performing general law enforcement duties. SROs are not to be involved in matters of routine school discipline. SROs will be involved in responding to incidents when school administrators determine SRO involvement is necessary to address a serious and immediate threat to the physical safety of students, school personnel, or the public. When SROs are investigating alleged crimes for law enforcement agencies, they should be treated as law enforcement officers, not as school employees.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students’ rights are protected, provide a variety of educational resources to the school community, provide law enforcement information and advice to students and parents, and provide a positive law enforcement presence in the school community.

The district has set forth its specific processes for implementing this board policy through the accompanying administrative procedures.