

**Lower Merion School District**

Policy No.: 825  
Section: OPERATIONS  
Title: RELATIONSHIP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT  
Date Adopted: 2/21/23

**R825 RELATIONSHIP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT**

A copy of the current Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Lower Merion Township Police is attached hereto.

The provisions outlined in the attached MOU are to be followed not only in school, but also on school vehicles, school trips, school-sponsored activities, or anywhere else that the Lower Merion Township Police and the District share jurisdiction. Staff members do not need to and should not wait for administrator approval to report incidents to the police in the event of an emergency. However, the staff member’s administrative supervisor should be notified of a call made to the police as soon as possible following the call.

In the event that the District needs to work with Narberth police, the attached MOU shall guide the District’s approach; because no District schools are located in the borough of Narberth, there is no requirement that a formal MOU exist between the Narberth Police Department and the District. Although the attached MOU is between the District and Lower Merion Township Police, the intent of this regulation and the attached MOU is to capture best practices, not merely the mechanics of interaction between the District and a single law enforcement agency.

Questions regarding implementation of this Administrative Regulation, including the attached MOU, and the accompanying Board Policy should be directed to the building principal, District Supervisor of Safety, Security & Custodians or Assistant Superintendent.

Individuals with questions about the Safe Schools Act legal requirements regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with law enforcement and the mandatory reporting of certain offenses to law enforcement are encouraged to review Section 1303-A of the Public School Code, which can be found by visiting the cross references below.

Cross references:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=1949&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=14&chpt=13A&sctn=3&subsctn=0>

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