

## Community Resource Officers

Lake Washington School District (LWSD) continues to partner with all four local police agencies in our district for the 2023-24 school year. This year, the partnership will include Community Resource Officers to support students at all schools.

For the 2023-24 school year, each law enforcement agency will select one Community Resource Officer for each comprehensive high school feeder pattern. If additional law enforcement resources are available, the agency may assign other school-trained officers to provide additional services. You can learn more about the duties and expectations of the Community Resource Officers, District and Law Enforcement here: <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/safety/community-resource-officers>.

In specific, Community Resource Officers will work with all schools to:

- Participate in threat assessments, as needed or requested
- Provide continuous support of district efforts to manage threats of violence or harm
- Respond to 911 and other emergency calls at schools
- Conduct scheduled safety assessments of school facilities at the request of district administration
- Conduct Child Protective Services (CPS) investigations
- Truancy paperwork service
- No Trespass paperwork service
- Respond to collisions that occur on campus
- Provide support for traffic and pedestrian concerns in school zones
- Collect/dispose of evidence/paraphernalia obtained during school operations
- Provide educational support, if requested by building administration
- Provide safety training for staff, students, parents and the greater community, as requested
- Comply with district policies and procedures

## Community Connectors

In addition to the Community Resource Officer program, LWSD is creating a new program called Community Connectors. This group will be made up of stakeholders and partners, as well as those individuals and organizations that we do not presently collaborate with, to gather information that will strengthen our school safety planning efforts.

LWSD envisions a community that supports a unified definition of school safety, supports effective teaching and learning by creating and promoting a physically, emotionally, socially, behaviorally and academically secure climate for students, staff and visitors. Keeping our schools safe involves planning for prevention, mitigation, response and recovery. We have worked on building a thoughtful community engagement process to inform our district's plans for school safety. Subsequently, we have used this process for the upcoming 2023-24 school year on our Community Resource Officer program, previously the School Resource Officer program.

[For more information on both Community Resource Officers and Community Connectors, visit the LWSD website.](#)