

COMMUNITY SAFETY



Supporting School Safety: The Role of Police

The police will **NOT** be called for student discipline. Law enforcement will be contacted for student matters related to an illegal act on school grounds or at a school-related activity. If the police need to question a student, the student's parent or guardian will be notified. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that the student's parent/guardian is present during the questioning. If not, specific school personnel will be present.

The only instance in which the police may interact with a student without a parent/guardian or specific school personnel present is in the event of an active emergency that is being facilitated by law enforcement.

OAK PARK COLLABORATES

Our three agencies are committed to:

- Prioritizing the physical and emotional safety of our students and staff every day.
- A comprehensive approach to school safety that includes our entire community and is rooted in a shared interest in creating safe and supportive learning environments for all students.
- Collaboration with Oak Park agency partners to leverage expertise and efficiency for optimum service and support in maintaining safe and healthy school communities.
- District administration holding the primary responsibility for maintaining order in the school environment and for investigation and responding to school disciplinary measures.

Protecting the physical and emotional safety of our students

Our shared agreement ensures that appropriate procedures are in place for those circumstances in which cooperation between the agencies becomes necessary.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL ONLY BE PRESENT IN OUR SCHOOLS TO...

1. Respond to Safety Incidents

- Threats of violence
- Weapons on site
- Illegal substances on site
- Medical emergencies
- Fires, or other issues related to building safety



2. Conduct Safety Drills and Planning



Per state law, police must be on site during school lockdown drills to observe and evaluate the effectiveness of the drills.

Police will also be on site to attend threat assessment team meetings.

3. Support Career Education and Safety Prevention Learning

Police may be in our schools participate in educational events, such as a speaker during Career Days or other safety education.

