

**SCHOOL / COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

School Resource Officer Program

The Helena Public School District believes that positive relationships and a supportive school culture are critical in maintaining safety and security in all schools. The district has a partnership with local law enforcement that enables school resource officers (SROs) to assist in supporting a safe learning environment in district schools.

The goal of the School Resource Officer program is to improve school/law enforcement collaboration, perceptions and relations between students, staff and law enforcement. School Resource Officers perform all functions and duties expected of a sworn law enforcement officer while school administrators, in partnership with parents, have exclusive authority over school discipline issues.

The Superintendent will develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) outlining roles, responsibilities and procedures for the SRO program. In partnership with law enforcement representatives, the SRO Memorandum of Agreement will be reviewed annually to determine the effectiveness of existing policies and procedures and to determine necessary revisions. The Superintendent will share the results of the review with the Board of Trustees.

Legal Reference:

Cross References:

Policy History:

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