

## RELATIONS WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES

Cooperation between the Mansfield Public Schools and law enforcement agencies is essential for protecting students, for maintaining a safe environment in the district, and for safeguarding school property.

Relationships between the district and officials of law enforcement agencies in investigative matters concerning students will take into consideration the respective roles of the schools and law enforcement agencies in assisting and protecting the interests of the community and ensuring the rights of all concerned.

The School Committee recognizes that law enforcement agencies can enrich and support the educational program and encourages the Superintendent, staff members, and students to partner with law enforcement agencies to develop a high-quality understanding and respect for each others' roles and responsibilities in the interest of maintaining a safe and academically-focused environment.

The Superintendent will include law enforcement authorities in the development and implementation of the District's comprehensive emergency management plan.

The Committee authorizes the Superintendent and administration to work with local law enforcement authorities to develop administrative regulations to guide interactions between the schools and law enforcement. Such regulations should safeguard the rights of students and parents, be consistent with School Committee policies, and minimize disruptions to the instructional program.

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