

# TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL

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<p>PURPOSE</p>	<p>The Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District Board recognizes the importance of student safety and shall employ, contract for and/or assign staff to coordinate the safety and security of district students, staff, visitors and facilities.</p>
<p>DEFINITIONS</p>	<p><b>School security personnel</b> - school police officers, school resource officers and school security guards.<a href="#">[1]</a></p> <p><b>Independent contractor</b> - an individual, including a retired federal agent or retired state, municipal or military police officer or retired sheriff or deputy sheriff, whose responsibilities, including work hours, are established in a written contract with the district for the purpose of performing school security services.<a href="#">[1]</a></p> <p><b>Third-party vendor</b> - a company or entity approved by the Office for Safe Schools of the PA Department of Education or the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency that provides school security services in accordance with law.<a href="#">[1]</a></p>
<p>DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall appoint a school administrator to serve as the School Safety and Security Coordinator, in accordance with law.<a href="#">[2]</a></p>
<p>GUIDELINES</p>	<p>The School Safety and Security Coordinator shall report directly to the Superintendent, and shall be responsible for the following:<a href="#">[2]</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Oversee all school police officers, School Resource Officers and or school security guards.</li><li>2. Review and provide oversight of all Board policies, administrative regulations and procedures related to school safety and security, and ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations regarding school safety and security.</li><li>3. Coordinate training and resources for students and staff related to situational awareness, trauma-informed approaches, behavioral health awareness, suicide</li></ol>

and bullying, substance abuse, and emergency procedures and training drills, including fire, natural disaster, active shooter, hostage situation and bomb threat.[3][4][5][6][7][8][9]

4. Coordinate a tour of the district's buildings and grounds biennially, or when a building is first occupied or reconfigured, with law enforcement and first responders responsible for protecting and securing the district to discuss and coordinate school safety and security matters.
5. Serve as the liaison with law enforcement and other state committees and agencies on matters of school safety and security.
6. Coordinate School Safety and Security Assessments and respond to School Safety and Security surveys, as applicable.[8][10]

By June 30 of each year, the School Safety and Security Coordinator shall make a report to the Board at an executive session on the district's current safety and security practices, and identify strategies to improve school safety and security.[2][11]

The Board directs the School Safety and Security Coordinator to include the following information in the annual report:

1. Reports of required emergency preparedness, fire, bus evacuation and school security drills.[8]
2. Information on required school safety and security training and resources provided to students and staff.
3. Safe2Say Something aggregate data, including a breakdown of Life Safety and Non-Life Safety reports received.
4. Behavioral health and school climate information, including aggregate data from surveys and assessments issued in the district, information on referrals and services accessed by students and families, and identification of additional resources needed in the district.[12]
5. Office for Safe Schools reports for the previous year(s) and/or data collected to date for the current year.
6. Updates regarding the district's Memorandum of Understanding with local law enforcement agencies.[13]
7. Updates to laws, regulations and/or Board policies related to school safety and security.

8. Information on tours, inspections and/or School Safety and Security Assessments of school facilities and programs.
9. Information on grants or funding applied for and/or received in support of school safety and security efforts.

A copy of the report shall be submitted to the state's School Safety and Security Committee.[\[2\]](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall implement job descriptions and procedures to address the responsibilities and requirements specific to each category of school security personnel in carrying out their duties.

School security personnel shall carry weapons, including firearms, in performance of their duties only if, and to the extent, authorized by the Board, including as provided in an agreement with a law enforcement agency for the stationing of a School Resource Officer or in a contract with an independent contractor or third-party vendor approved by the Board.

In accordance with Act 91 of 2019, a school police officer who is a law enforcement officer employed by the district, whose responsibilities, including working hours, are established by the district, may exercise the same powers as exercised under authority of law or ordinance by the police of the municipality in which the school property is located, if authorized by the court. [\[26\]](#)

The district shall employ or contract for one or more school Security Guards.

**School security guard** - an individual employed by the district or a third-party vendor or an independent contractor who is assigned to a school for routine safety and security duties, and has not been granted powers by the court to issue citations or detain individuals in accordance with law. An independent contractor or individual employed by a third-party vendor contracted with the district shall meet the requirements of contracted services personnel, in accordance with Board policy, and the provisions of applicable law.[\[1\]](#)[\[16\]](#)[\[18\]](#)[\[30\]](#)

School security guards shall provide the following services, as directed by the district:[\[30\]](#)

1. School safety support services.
2. Enhanced campus supervision.
3. Assistance with disruptive students.
4. Monitoring visitors on campus.[\[31\]](#)

5. Coordination with law enforcement officials,

6. Security functions which improve and maintain school safety.

School security guards shall successfully complete required training, in accordance with law, and applicable staff training in accordance with Board policy.[\[30\]](#)

School security guards authorized to carry a firearm shall maintain an appropriate license and successfully complete required firearm training in accordance with law.[\[30\]](#)

#### Legal References

1. 24 P.S. 1301-C
2. 24 P.S. 1309-B
3. Pol. 146
4. Pol. 227
5. Pol. 236
6. Pol. 249
7. Pol. 351
8. Pol. 805
9. Pol. 819
10. 24 P.S. 1305-B
11. Pol. 006
12. Pol. 235.1
13. Pol. 805.1
14. 24 P.S. 1302-C
15. 24 P.S. 1310-C
16. 24 P.S. 1311-C
17. Pol. 304
18. Pol. 818
19. 24 P.S. 1303-C
20. 24 P.S. 1304-C
21. 24 P.S. 1305-C
22. 22 PA Code 10.23
23. 22 PA Code 14.104
24. 22 PA Code 14.133
25. Pol. 113.2

	26. 24 P.S. 1306-C 27. 24 P.S. 1307-C 28. Pol. 909 29. 24 P.S. 1313-C 30. 24 P.S. 1314-C 31. Pol. 907 32. 24 P.S. 1309-C 33. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 8953 34. 53 Pa. C.S.A. 2303 53 Pa. C.S.A. 2301 et seq Pol. 705 Pol. 709
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