

1 The [Transylvania County Board of Education \(the “board”\)](#) recognizes the importance of law
2 enforcement authorities in providing safe schools. The board desires an effective working
3 relationship with law enforcement. To this end, the superintendent and principals are expected to
4 communicate the needs of the schools and work with law enforcement officials in developing
5 joint programs and in establishing protocols for handling situations in which the assistance of
6 law enforcement is helpful or necessary. The superintendent shall establish procedures for
7 school contacts with law enforcement agencies.
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9 The superintendent shall ensure that local law enforcement have schematic diagrams, including
10 digital schematic diagrams, of all school facilities and provide them updates of the schematic
11 diagrams when the school system makes substantial facility modifications, such as the addition
12 of new facilities or modifications to doors or windows. The superintendent shall also provide
13 local law enforcement with (1) either keys to the main entrance of all school buildings or
14 emergency access to key storage devices for all school buildings and (2) updated access to
15 school buildings when changes are made to the locks of the main entrances or to the key storage
16 devices.
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18 School resource officers will be assigned duties as specified in a written understanding between
19 the law enforcement agency and the school system.
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21 Law enforcement officials, including school resource officers, should not initiate administrative
22 investigations, including investigations to determine whether student behavior policies have been
23 violated, but may be used to assist school officials in such investigations for safety or other
24 reasons as determined necessary by the principal or designee. Law enforcement officials may be
25 contacted to report possible criminal conduct on school premises or at school-sponsored
26 activities. (See policy 4335, Criminal Behavior, for more information regarding mandatory
27 reporting of certain criminal behaviors.) However, school officials will independently
28 investigate violations of school rules or board policies even if such violations may also involve
29 criminal behavior.
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31 School administrators and employees are expected to cooperate in criminal investigations but
32 should attempt to do so in a way that minimizes disruptions to the educational environment.
33 Visits by probation officers to students during the school day must be in accordance with policy
34 5020, Visitors to the Schools.
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36 Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -47, -105.53
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38 Cross References: School Safety (policy 1510/4200/7270), Criminal Behavior (policy 4335),
39 Student Searches (policy 4342), Visitors to the Schools (policy 5020)
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