

2021 Kansas Statutes

72-6146. School security officers and campus police officers. (a) The board of education of any school district or the board of trustees of any community college may employ school security officers, and may designate any one or more of such school security officers as a campus police officer, to aid and supplement law enforcement agencies of the state and of the city and county in which the school district or community college is located.

(b) The protective function of school security officers shall extend to all property of the school district or community college and the protection of students, teachers and other employees together with the property of such persons on or in any school or community college property or areas adjacent thereto, or while attending or located at the site of any school or community college-sponsored function. While engaged in the protective functions specified in this section, each school security officer shall possess and exercise all general law enforcement powers, rights, privileges, protections and immunities in every county in which there is located any part of the territory of the school district or community college.

(c) The protective function of campus police officers shall extend to all property of the school district or community college and the protection of students, teachers and other employees together with the property of such persons on or in any school or community college property or areas adjacent thereto, or while attending or located at the site of any school or community college-sponsored function. While engaged in the protective functions specified in this section, each campus police officer shall possess and exercise all general law enforcement powers, rights, privileges, protections and immunities in every county in which there is located any part of the territory of the school district or community college, provided that such officer does not violate the memorandum of understanding approved by the superintendent of the school district pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6143(i), and amendments thereto.

(d) Campus police officers shall have the power and authority of law enforcement officers:

(1) On property owned, occupied or operated by the school district or community college or at the site of a function sponsored by the school district or community college;

(2) on the streets, property and highways immediately adjacent to and coterminous with property described in subsection (d)(1);

(3) within the city or county where property described in subsection (d)(1) is located, as necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of students and faculty of the school district or community college, with appropriate agreement by local law enforcement agencies. Such agreements shall include provisions, defining the geographical scope of the jurisdiction conferred, circumstances requiring the extended jurisdiction, scope of law enforcement powers and duration of the agreement. Before any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall take effect, it shall be approved by the governing body of the city or county, or both, having jurisdiction where such property is located, and the board of education or board of trustees involved;

(4) with appropriate notification of and coordination with local law enforcement agencies, within the city or county where property described in subsection (d)(1) or (d)(2) is located, when there is reason to believe that a violation of a state law, county resolution or city ordinance has occurred on such property, as necessary to investigate and arrest persons for such a violation;

(5) when in fresh pursuit of a person; and

(6) when transporting persons in custody to an appropriate facility, wherever it may be located.

(e) In addition to enforcement of state law, county resolutions and city ordinances, campus

police officers shall enforce rules and regulations and rules and policies of the board of trustees or school board, whether or not violation thereof constitutes a criminal offense. While on duty, campus police officers shall wear and display publicly a badge of office. No such badge shall be required to be worn by any plain clothes investigator or departmental administrator, but any such officer shall present proper credentials and identification when required in the performance of such officer's duties. In performance of any of the powers, duties and functions authorized by this section, K.S.A. 22-2401a, and amendments thereto, or any other law, campus police officers shall have the same rights, protections and immunities afforded other law enforcement officers.

(f) The board of education of each school district shall adopt a policy providing for notification of a student's parents or guardians whenever the student is taken into custody by a campus police officer.

History: L. 1969, ch. 363, § 1; L. 1976, ch. 321, § 1; L. 1987, ch. 277, § 1; L. 2004, ch. 48, § 7; L. 2016, ch. 46, § 57; July 1, 2017.