

Administrative Procedure 3520 Local Law Enforcement

Reference: Education Code Sections 67381 and 67381.1;

34 Code of Federal Regulations Section 668.46

The District, on behalf of each campus or center, has a written agreement with local law enforcement agencies. The agreement clarifies operational responsibilities for investigations of Part I violent crimes, defined by law as willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, occurring at each location.

The written agreement designates which law enforcement agency has operational responsibility for violent crimes and delineates the specific geographical boundaries of each agency's operational responsibility, including maps as necessary.

The written agreements required by the Board policy are public records and are made available for inspection by members of the public upon request to the District's Chancellor's Office.

Campus security officers maintains a close working relationship with the police departments in their respective areas of the district. Campus security officers occasionally work with other law enforcement agencies, including the county sheriff departments in their respective areas of the district. Meetings may be held between the leaders of these agencies on both a formal and informal basis. Campus security officers and the appropriate law enforcement agencies communicate regularly on the scene of incidents that occur in and around the campus area. When incidents arise that require joint investigative efforts, resources, crime related reports, and exchanges of information, campus security officers will work closely with the appropriate law enforcement agency. There are written agreements with local police departments for West Hills College Coalinga and West Hills College Lemoore.

In response to a call, the campus security officer or assigned police officer will take the required action, dispatching an officer or asking the victim to file an incident report. All incident reports received by the campus security officer or assigned police officer are forwarded to the Chief Student Services Officer for review and potential action. The campus security officer or assigned police officer may investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate.

Crimes should be reported to the campus security officer or assigned campus police officer to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate.

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety related incidents to the campus security officer of campus police officer in a timely manner. To report a crime or an emergency on the campus, the following contact numbers are provided:

West Hills College Coalinga
 911 (emergency only)

559-934-2202

West Hills College Lemoore
 911 (emergency only)

559-925-3202

North District Center, Firebaugh 911 (emergency only)

559-934-2202

To report a non-emergency security or public safety related matter, the following contact numbers are provided:

West Hills College Coalinga 559-934-2202
West Hills College Lemoore 559-925-3202
North District Center, Firebaugh 559-934-2202

Campus security officers have the authority to ask persons for identification and to determine whether individuals have lawful business at the District. Campus security officers do not possess arrest power. Criminal incidents are referred to the local law enforcement officers who have jurisdiction on the campus. The District maintains a highly professional working relationship with the police departments in their respective areas of the district. All crime victims and witnesses are strongly encouraged to immediately report crimes to the campus security officer or assigned campus police officer and the appropriate police agency. Prompt reporting will assure timely warning notices on campus and timely disclosure of crime statistics.

All reports will be investigated. The District does not have procedures for voluntary, confidential reporting of crime statistics. Violations of the law will be referred to law enforcement agencies and, when appropriate, to the student conduct officer for review. When a potentially dangerous threat to the District's community arises, timely reports or warnings will be issued through e-mail announcements, the posting of flyers at local campuses, in-class announcements, or other appropriate means.

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