

North Spencer County School Corporation

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Parents, Guardians, Patrons, and Community Members,

Thanks to the diligent work of our School Safety Committee, the North Spencer County School Corporation has been awarded a grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. This matching grant will provide for a School Resource Officer to be in our schools every day of the week. The officer will be in different buildings at different times on different days with no set schedule, but will be available to all buildings as needed. We are proud of the partnership we were able to form with the Town of Santa Claus to share their officers. In order for an officer to qualify to work under this grant, they must attend a week long (40 hour) training. Currently, both Officer Joey Brown and Officer James Faulkenburg have attended this training. Officer Matt Keller will attend later this year.

The Secured School Safety Grant is a one year grant that must be renewed each year. We will consistently assess our program to determine viability for the future.

Attached you will find the job description and responsibilities of our SROs. Please share ideas for improvement with our School Safety Committee.

With Regard,

Dan Scherry, Superintendent

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ADMINISTRATION

Daniel R. Scherry – Superintendent
Angela Burch – Director of Learning & Assessment
Jennifer Jazyk – Title I Literacy Coordinator
Marc Schum – Director of Facilities & Transportation

SCHOOL SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jeff Cochren – Assistant Principal, HHHS
Chad Schnieders – Principal, HHMS
Ben Lawalin – Principal, LTE
Jody Schmitt – Principal, NHE

Joey Brown – SRO
James Faulkenburg – SRO

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Job Description

School Resource Officer

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Hold a valid certification with appropriate endorsement and experience.
2. Possess the professional and personal characteristics necessary for working with students, staff and community.

JOB GOAL

The School Resource Officer is responsible for assisting administrators in providing school-wide leadership and education on law-related topics, drug and alcohol concerns, abuse and conflict while supporting a safe learning environment for all students.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP

The School Resource Officer reports to the Superintendent.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

1. Provide law enforcement and police services to the school, school grounds and areas adjacent to the school. Investigate allegations of criminal incidents per police department policies and procedures. Enforce state and local laws and ordinances. Make appropriate referrals to juvenile authorities or other governmental agencies.
2. Work to prevent juvenile delinquency through close contact and positive relationships with students. In addition the SRO shall develop crime prevention programs and conduct security inspections to deter criminal or delinquent activities. The SRO should monitor crime statistics and work with local patrol officers and students together to design crime prevention strategies
3. Establish and maintain a close partnership with school administrators in order to provide for a safe school environment. Assist school officials with their efforts to enforce Board Of Education policies and procedures. Ensure school administrator safety by being present during school searches, which may involve weapons, controlled dangerous substances or in such cases that, the student's emotional state may present a risk to the administrator. Assist school administrators in emergency crisis planning and building security matters. Provide a course of training for school personnel in handling crisis situations, which may arise at the school.
4. Be visible within the school community. Attend and participate in school functions. Build working relationships with the school's staff as well as with student and parent groups.
5. Develop and implement classes in law related education to support the educational efforts of the faculty. Work closely with teachers in designing and presenting law-related topics and the role of police in our society.
6. Work with guidance counselors and other student support staff to assist students and to provide services to students involved in situations where referrals to service agencies are necessary. Assist in conflict resolution efforts.
7. Initiate interaction with students in the classroom and general areas of the school building. Promote the profession of police officer and be a positive role model. Increase the visibility and accessibility of police to the school community.