

BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Policy Manual

Section: PROPERTY

Title: SCHOOL SECURITY GUARDS

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709.1 SCHOOL SECURITY GUARDS

- .1 The Board recognizes that it must preserve a safe school environment for students, staff, and school visitors. To that end, the Board authorizes school security guards who are properly certified in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and are approved by the Board to carry a firearm on their person while exercising their duties.
- .2 The use of force is a serious responsibility. While there is no way to specify the exact amount or type of reasonable force to be applied in any situations, each officer is expected to follow established procedures to make such decisions in a professional, impartial and safe manner. The Superintendent or designee shall assume the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and this policy, related policies, and established procedures for school security guards in the Bloomsburg Area School District.
- .3 Procedural guidelines for school security guards in the Bloomsburg Area School District will be developed by the administration and the designated District Safety and Security Coordinator to provide direction and requirements in the areas of:
 - Firearms and ammunition to be utilized by school security guards and the manner in which firearms are to be carried by guards.
 - Use of force guidelines and procedures.
 - Firearms storage, maintenance, issuance, and return procedures.

- Firearms safety and retention procedures.
- Training requirements and qualifications.
- Records maintenance pertaining to training, qualification, and inventory.
- Investigative procedures for discharge of a firearm.
- Conditions affecting a guard's ability to carry a firearm.
- Duties and responsibilities of school security guards.

.4 This policy shall be periodically reviewed and any necessary changes adopted by the Board of School Directors.

The school district and its school security guards shall be covered by appropriate liability insurance at all times for all duties and obligations in this policy and related procedures.

In the event it is necessary, all such authorized school security guards shall be covered through the district's liability insurance policy, as set forth in such policy.

The implementation of this policy and related procedures shall be the responsibility of the school district. Annual compliance with Act 235 is the responsibility of the school security guard.

It is the responsibility of the school security guard to conduct himself/herself with the highest standards of professionalism while on duty and to follow all established school district policies and procedures.