

## School Safety Officers

The Putnam Board of Education (the “Board”) authorizes the assignment of armed school safety officers in its school buildings by the Putnam Police Department in order to provide for a safe school environment. The armed safety officers shall support the school administration and staff in maintaining a safe and positive school environment and shall work under the immediate direction and supervision of the building Principal and School Resource Officer and under the overall direction of the Chief of Police and Superintendent of Schools.

The armed school safety officers shall be authorized to carry firearms on school grounds in the performance of their duties, consistent with state and federal law, Board policy and administrative regulations. An armed school safety officer shall be authorized to utilize such firearms only when necessary, in order to protect a person on school grounds from the use of deadly physical force. Accordingly, an armed school safety officer will not draw, point, or discharge his/her firearm on school grounds unless there are no reasonable alternative measures available and the use of such firearm is therefore necessary in order to protect one or more persons on school grounds from what the armed school safety officer reasonably believes to be the imminent use of deadly physical force. Any use of a firearm shall be preceded by a verbal warning when practical and possible. Any use of firearms must be consistent with state and federal law, Board policy and administrative regulations, and the policies and procedures of the Putnam Police Department.

The Superintendent will adopt and maintain administrative regulations to implement this policy.

### Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-244a Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-217b

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