

Norridge School District 80 School Resource Officer

December 12, 2023



What Support Do We Currently Receive From the Norridge Police Department





Axillary Officer: visits both buildings during the school day. Purpose: build relationships, safety, and checking the physical building. 1 hour each building.

Ridgewood School Resource Officer: assists D80 when police issue occurs. Purpose: build relationships, issue tickets, join administration on home visits





Education: DARE Program (5th grade), facilitate school wide trainings, work with school nurses

Support: assist with drills, attend safety planning meetings for district, be present at the schools, conduct investigations

WHY - Additional Layer of Support



Relationships

law enforcement and school community



Safety

planning, education, and in the moment action



Traffic

respect for school neighbors

What would the School Resource Officer be responsible for?

Educate staff and students

DARE, Social Issues, Drills, Safety Plans

Residency/ Truancy

Work with families: residency, tardies, & absenteeism. Attend court, when needed.

Protection

Violations in district policies and of the law. Student and staff safety.

Traffic safety.

Relationships

Personal relationships between law enforcement and students/families; promoting a greater respect for law enforcement

NPD School Resource Officer Information



Intergovernmental Agreement with NPD



District pays 75% of officer's salary



40 hours a weekdistrict works with SRO to sets hours



District covers liability insurance (general, umbrella, comprehensive automobile, workers' compensation)

Benefit of a School Resource Officer

- Build relationship with students and families
- Participates in creation and implementation of school safety plans
- Increase the feeling of safety among students and staff
- Additional opportunities for trainings and drills
- Increase student and staff preparedness for incidences and events
- Increase relationships within the community
- Educates students and staff on safety programming
- Prevention or minimization of property damage in and around the school
- Prevention or minimization of staff and student injuries
- Reduction of the need for schools to call the police
- Increase the likelihood that students will get the help they need

Frequently Asked SRO Questions

Would the SRO address behavior issues?

No, they do not interact in behavior matters with students. The Assistant Principals will continue to work with students with behavior issues.

Would the SRO meet with the school administration?

Yes, the would meeting weekly and then as needed.

Would the SRO wear a body camera?

As of January, 2025 it is mandated by law and in accordance with the Norridge Police Department policies that all officers wear a body-worn camera. When they are doing official police business the camera will be activated. When they are doing day-to-day activities, it will not

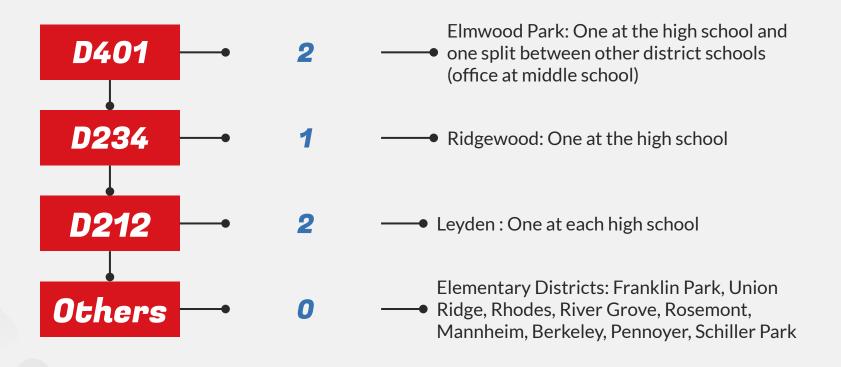
Would a parent/guardian get notified if a student is suspected of criminal activity and is questioned by the SRO?

Yes, Illinois School Code requires law enforcement officers and school resource officers to notify parents and take reasonable steps to include parents and school mental health professionals when detaining and questions students on school grounds.

How does an SRO protect students from potential school threats?

SROs are the only armed and trained professionals in the school. They are trained to neutralize threats and minimize injuries.

Current SROs in Surrounding Districts Data



Future Consideration for Norridge School District 80



Continue what we currently have in place:

- Axillary Officer
- Support
- Education
- Access to SRO



Investigate additional layers of support:

- 1 or 2?
- Hybrid Model?
- Paid Traffic Support?



Research funding opportunities:

- Fees
- Grants
- District funds



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