

Hernando County School Board Florida

FLSA: Non-Exempt, Non-Union

SCHOOL SAFETY GUARDIAN

This position is an armed School Safety Guardian as part of the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program. There shall be no law enforcement authority except to the extent necessary to prevent or abate an active assailant incident on school property.

Required Qualifications:

- High school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED)
- Minimum 21 years of age
- Valid Florida driver's license
- Willingness to use force, including deadly force, when protocol requires
- Must hold a State of Florida concealed weapons permit under F.S. 790.06 and maintain the permit throughout employment in this position
- Must meet all law enforcement requirements to attain a School Safety Guardian appointment pursuant to state statute and maintain such throughout employment in this position. Current requirements are listed below and are subject to change by statute or Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.
 - Must hold a State of Florida concealed weapons permit under F.S.790.06 and maintain the permit throughout employment of this position.
 - Complete a 144-hour training program, consisting of 12 hours of training to improve the school guardian's knowledge and skills necessary to respond to and de-escalate incidents on school premises and 132 total hours of comprehensive firearm safety and proficiency training conducted by Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission certified instructors, which must include:
 - 80 hours of firearms instruction based on the Criminate Justice Standards and Training Commission's Law Enforcement Academy training model, which must include at least 10 percent but no more than 20 percent more rounds fired than associated with academy training. Participants must achieve an 85 percent pass rate on the firearms training.
 - 16 hours of instruction in precision pistol
 - 8 hours of discretionary shooting instruction using state-of-the-art simulator exercises
 - 16 hours of instruction in active shooter or assailant scenarios
 - 8 hours of instruction in defensive tactics
 - 4 hours of instruction in legal issues
 - Pass a psychological evaluation administered by a psychologist licensed under chapter 490 and designated by the Department of Law Enforcement and submit the results of the evaluation to the sheriff's office. The Department of Law Enforcement is authorized to provide the sheriff's office with mental health and substance abuse data for compliance with this paragraph.
 - Submit to and pass an initial drug test and subsequent random drug tests in accordance with the requirements of F.S. 112.0455 and the sheriff's office
 - Successfully complete ongoing training, weapon inspection, and firearm qualification on at least an annual basis.

A person who is certified and in good standing under the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, who meets the qualifications established in F.S.S.943.13, and who is otherwise qualified for the position of school guardian may be certified as a school guardian by the sheriff without completing the training requirements listed above

- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to work independently and work cooperatively in a team
- Must have First Aid and CPR/AED certification. Obtain certification within 90 days of employment if not already certified.
- Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including reporting to various school/district sites, after hours, weekends and night events as needed/assigned

Required qualifications to maintain continued employment in this position, and failure to meet these requirements will constitute grounds for termination of employment:

- A State of Florida concealed weapons permit under F.S. 790.06 must be maintained throughout employment in this position
- Must continue to meet all requirements of and maintain a School Safety Guardian certification/appointment
- Must be able to successfully complete ongoing training requirements, including firearms proficiency, at an acceptable performance level

Performance Responsibilities:

- Respond immediately to and appropriately engage to stop the threat of an active assailant
- Conduct routine patrols of the school perimeter, doors, and interior to ensure premises are secure
- Monitor access points and ensure appropriate permissions for students exiting campus. by monitoring gates and other entry points throughout the school, ensure that students possess
- Communicate safety and or security policies and procedures to staff, parents, students, and visitors.
- Monitor students within a variety of school environments (i.e. hallways, grounds, cafeteria, parking lots, restrooms) for the purpose of ensuring the safety and welfare of students and staff
- Participate in safety risk assessments and collaborate with school and district administration and emergency responders.
- Assist in threat assessments, de-escalation of incidents, and disturbance suppression
- Conduct searches, monitor surveillance equipment, and maintain accurate incident reports.
- Serve as a visible, approachable presence to build positive relationships with students and community.
- Support emergency response and preparedness drills and real-time incidents.
- Assist security personnel for school and/or district functions as needed which may include after school and extra-curricular activities
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Director of Safe Schools and/or designee.

Physical Demands:

Exerting up to 100 pounds of force occasionally and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force regularly or as needed to move objects. Employees in this position work in a safe and secure work environment that may periodically have unpredicted requirements or demands.

Reports to:

Reports directly to the Director of Safe Schools and/or designee

Evaluation:

Annual evaluation done by the Director of Safe Schools and/or designee

Terms of Employment:

~~12 month employment~~ 10, 11, or 12 month employment

Salary:

Salary based upon approved salary schedule

Job Code:

79021

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