

School District of Prescott

Student Privacy and School Resource Officers (SROs)



Our district partners with School Resource Officers (SROs) to help keep schools safe. At the same time, we are committed to protecting student privacy. Here's what families should know:

- **SROs as School Officials**
 - SROs are treated as “school officials” under student privacy law (FERPA)
 - They can see student records only when it helps them support safety or student well-being.
- **Limits on Sharing**
 - SROs use student information only for school safety purposes.
 - They cannot share student records with other police officers or agencies unless the law allows it or there is an emergency.
- **Emergencies**
 - In urgent situations (such as threats to student or school safety), schools may share information with SROs without parent permission.
- **Law Enforcement Records**
 - Reports an SRO writes as part of their police duties are not school records. These are handled under police rules, not school rules.
- **Training**
 - SROs receive yearly training on student privacy (FERPA) to make sure they follow the law and district expectations.

Our Goal: Work together with families and law enforcement to keep schools safe while respecting every student's right to privacy.

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