

<b>PALM BEACH GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>		
<b>SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM</b>		
<b>POLICY AND PROCEDURE 3.3.2</b>		
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**PURPOSE:** To establish guidelines for a liaison program for schools within the jurisdiction of this Department.

**SCOPE:** This policy and procedure applies to all officers.

**REVIEW RESPONSIBILITY:** Community Involvement Unit (CIU)

**POLICY:** This Department may serve as a liaison agent to the high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools within its jurisdiction to obtain information, give direction to youth/juveniles and provide assistance to school officials where applicable. The Department takes the position that a close interaction between law enforcement, school officials and/or youths is essential in developing strategies dealing with delinquency and youth related crime.

**PROCEDURE:**

- a. This Department may have a school liaison program as a function of the CIU. Officers may assist the School District Police at schools located in the City for the purpose of:
  - i. Acting as a resource for:
    1. Delinquency prevention;
    2. Alternative to arrest programs; and
    3. Prevention programs.
  - ii. Providing guidance on ethical issues in the classroom setting, to include:
    1. National origin;
    2. Cultural difference; and
    3. Economic status.
  - iii. Providing direction or mediation to individual counseling between students and the teacher, guidance officials or parents who are having problems.
  - iv. Providing direction and information to schools on drug education, which includes the DARE program and other drug abuse programs/activities.
  - v. Providing a forum where law enforcement's role and authority in society or the community can be explained to:
    1. Students;
    2. Parents;
    3. Faculty/administration;
    4. School security; and
    5. PTA

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