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**Authority**

The Board recognizes that it must preserve a safe school environment for students, staff, and school visitors. To that end, the Board authorizes school police officers who are properly certified in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and are approved by the Board to carry a firearm on their person while exercising their duties.

**Delegation of Responsibility**

The use of force is a serious responsibility. While there is no way to specify the exact amount or type of reasonable force to be applied in any situation, each officer is expected to follow established procedures to make such decisions in a professional, impartial, and safe manner. The Superintendent or designee shall assume the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and this policy, related policies, and established procedures for school police officers in the Springfield School District.

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