

School District & Law Enforcement Agency Participation Agreement

THIS FORM MUST BE READ, COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE CHIEF/SHERIFF AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. EVEN IF A FORM HAS BEEN SIGNED FOR A PREVIOUS D.A.R.E. OFFICER, A NEW FORM MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Drug and alcohol abuse is one of the most serious problems facing our children today. An effective fight against drug use demands the support and assistance of leaders throughout the community including parents, school officials, law enforcement, government, substance abuse professionals, and private organizations. In recognition of and in response to the problem, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and the Law Enforcement Foundation are providing the D.A.R.E. Program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to Ohio communities.

As the local Chief of Police/Sheriff and local School Superintendent, we are interested in bringing D.A.R.E. Ohio to our community. We pledge to establish a working partnership to implement and maintain the D.A.R.E. Program.

Role of the Law Enforcement Agency

The Police/Sheriff's agency will furnish the multi part application of a qualified Officer to be considered for the two-week seminar in D.A.R.E. Training strategies. If the Officer is accepted into the D.A.R.E. Program, the Department agrees to allow the Officer to attend the two-week training session and understands he/she must graduate from the training before he/she will be allowed to teach the Program in the schools. Once the Officer completes the training, the Police/Sheriff's Agency will work closely with the School District and the statewide sponsors to implement an effective D.A.R.E. Ohio Program in schools the following semester.

Role of the School District

As Superintendent for the following School District, I understand that the D.A.R.E. Ohio Officer will serve an education and prevention function. The Officer will be uniformed and may or may not be armed depending on departmental policy, while in the school. He/She will not have enforcement responsibilities while on the school grounds except in emergency situations requiring immediate police action or other Memorandum of Understanding between the School District and the Law Enforcement Agency.

I understand that the specially trained D.A.R.E. Officer will teach all lessons of the D.A.R.E. curriculum on a weekly basis at the level of the elementary school (5th or 6th grade)/the middle school/ or high school level. In addition, the D.A.R.E. Officer will spend time in visitation to K-4 classrooms as scheduling permits. I understand that classroom instruction is only one component of the D.A.R.E. Program. The Officer will talk informally with students in the cafeteria and on the playground. The D.A.R.E. Ohio Officer will also need to meet with parents and faculty members as a part of the program. I will encourage teachers, principals, substance abuse coordinators, and other school personnel to welcome the D.A.R.E. Ohio Officer into the schools and reinforce the D.A.R.E. curriculum with related activities.

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WE HAVE READ THE ENCLOSED "RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT" AND "RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM IS COPYRIGHTED AND MUST BE PRESENTED BY THE GUIDELINES AS TAUGHT IN THE 80-HOUR D.A.R.E. TRAINING SESSION.

CHIEF/SHERIFF:

Chief/Sheriff Signature

Date

Chief/Sheriff Name (Print)

Department

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SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent of Schools Signature

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