**Hawthorn Academy** 

Policy: Arrest Reporting Policy Adopted: September 8, 2015



## **Policy**

The Board of Directors of the School recognizes the importance of receiving information regarding arrests of employees that are not licensed by the Utah State Office of Education in order to assist the School in adequately safeguarding the safety of students.

The Lead Director of the School will therefore establish administrative procedures that comply with the requirements of Utah Administrative Code R277-516-4.

The Board acknowledges the requirement that Board Members report arrests and convictions as set forth in R277-516-5.C.

Signature:

Heidi Scott, Board President

# Administrative Procedures Arrest Reporting Procedures

These procedures are established in order to comply with the Arrest Reporting Policy adopted by the School's Board of Directors.

#### Required Reports

- (a) Non-USOE-licensed employees of the School, (b) Board Members, and (c) any School employees who drive a motor vehicle as part of their employment responsibilities must report to the Principal information regarding the following matters:
  - Convictions, including pleas in abeyance and diversion agreements;
  - Any matters involving arrests for alleged sex offenses;
  - Any matters involving arrests for alleged drug-related offenses;
  - Any matters involving arrests for alleged alcohol-related offenses; and
  - Any matters involving arrests for alleged offenses against the person under Title 76, Chapter 5 (i.e., assault, battery, etc.)

## **Timeline for Reports**

Current employees of the School must provide the required reports to the Lead Director and Campus Director within seven (7) days of receiving notification of this policy. Thereafter, employees of the School must submit required reports to the Lead Director and Campus Director within seven (7) days of the event necessitating the report. New employees of the School must report this information prior to commencing work for the School.

## **Procedure for Review of Reports**

The Lead Director and Campus Director will review and investigate all reports received pursuant to the policy and determine whether any employment action is necessary to protect the safety of students.

The Lead Director and Campus Director will maintain the confidentiality of the information submitted and only share such information with individuals who have a legitimate need to know. Information regarding the reports, the results of any investigation, the determination and any action taken will be maintained in a separate, confidential employment file. These records will only be kept as long as the Lead Director determines it is necessary to protect the safety of students.

### **Required Action**

Any individual who reports a matter involving alleged sex offenses or other alleged offenses which may endanger students shall be immediately suspended from all student supervision responsibilities during the period of investigation.

Any individual who reports a matter involving alcohol or drugs shall be immediately suspended from transporting students, operating motor vehicles on school business, or operating or maintaining school vehicles during the period of investigation.

#### **Training**

The Lead Director will ensure that individuals subject to this policy receive appropriate training regarding their arrest reporting obligations.