



# School Resource Officer

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# What is a School Resource Officer (SRO)?

A school resource officer is a sworn law-enforcement officer with arrest powers who works in a school setting.

Special training working with youth separates an SRO from other police officers, including but not limited to: cyber safety, violence prevention in schools, and adolescent mental health.

# What is the goal of having an SRO?

“The goals of well-founded SRO program include providing safe learning environments in our nation’s schools, providing valuable resources to school staff members, fostering positive relationships with youth, developing strategies to resolve problems affecting youth and protecting all students, so that they can reach their fullest potentials.”

Source: <https://www.nasro.org/faq/>

# What is the role of an SRO?

## Law Enforcement



Sworn law-enforcement officer

Community-based partnership in/out of school environment

## Educator



Drug/alcohol prevention

Anti-bullying

Law-related curriculum

Community resources

Emergency planning

## Support Services Team



Member of multidisciplinary team focused on proactive intervention to support students

Build trust & relationships with students, staff, community

# How will an SRO be Funded?

Option	General Assumptions	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requires partnership w/Wilton PD</li><li>• Budget estimate range: \$115,000 - \$142,000 depending on experience</li><li>• 180 days/260 (70%) SRO work year</li></ul>
01	SAU 63 pays %100/260 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure school district has an SRO</li><li>• 80 days would be employed with Wilton PD</li></ul>
02	SAU pays proportionate share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 180 days at a cost of \$80,500 - 99,400</li><li>• Traditional school district/community approach</li><li>• Requires support of Wilton community &amp; PD</li></ul>
03	Private armed security guard. Cost about \$35/hour. Approximately \$50,400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Added security &amp; lower cost</li><li>• Role limited to security &amp; accountable to private employer</li></ul>
04	Status Quo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No action</li></ul>