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# PLUM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

TITLE: REPORTABLE OFFENSES

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#### 517. REPORTABLE OFFENSES

1. Purpose

2. Authority SC 111, 24 P.S. §

3. Guidelines

The purpose of this Policy is to establish procedures for implementing the statutory obligation that all school employees report certain arrests or convictions to their employing public school entity.

### **Definition**

Reportable Offense: An offense enumerated in Section 111(e) of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended (24 P.S. § 1-111(e)).

## **Duty to Self-Report**

Every employee must self-report any arrest or conviction of a Reportable Offense by using the PDE standardized arrest/conviction reporting form.

Form PDE-6004

The reporting form shall be timely delivered to the Director of Administrative Services.

Failure to report such arrests or convictions no later than seventy-two (72) hours after the arrest or conviction will require the School District to obtain a current report of criminal history record information on the employee.

If the employe has not notified the Director of Administrative Services as required by this Policy, the Director of Administrative Services shall immediately require the employee to submit a current report of criminal history record information. The cost of the criminal background check shall be borne by the School District.

If an Administrator or other person responsible for employment decisions has a reasonable belief that an employee was arrested or convicted for a Reportable Offense, that person shall immediately notify the Director of Administrative Services.

Willfully failing to timely disclose a reportable arrest or conviction may subject an employee to discipline, up to and including termination of employment.

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# 4. Delegation of Responsibility The Director of Administrative Services shall be responsible for monitoring, distributing, evaluating and enforcing the required self-reporting of arrests and convictions using the PDE standardized form. Professional Educator **Professional Standards and Practices Commission (PSPC)** Discipline Act, Section 2070.9a The Superintendent shall report to PSPC all instances of employees reporting an arrest or conviction for a Reportable Crime noted on the PDE standardized arrest/conviction reporting form, or which is otherwise known to the Superintendent as the result of a background check or otherwise. Contact information for the PSPC, as well as mandatory reporting forms, can be found on PDE's website: http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/professional\_standards\_pra ctices\_commissions/8829