

TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL *D.A.R.E.* TRAINING CENTER

D.A.R.E. SCHOOL/POLICE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Violence in the schools and the abuse of alcohol and other drugs is a national and societal problem. Because violent acts and the use of illegal drugs are beginning at an earlier age, elementary children need educating in ways to effectively resist this negative peer pressure. To accomplish this the _____ Department and the _____ School System agrees to cooperate in presenting the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program beginning with the **Fall / Spring** semester of the _____ / _____ school year.

The local school system and the law enforcement agency will jointly sponsor the D.A.R.E. Program in accordance with the provisions of this agreement. **The officer must teach in the semester immediately following his/her training.** The law enforcement agency will furnish a uniformed D.A.R.E. certified officer who will present the D.A.R.E. curriculum on a weekly basis to either the 5th/6th grade or 7th/8th grade, of at least one school in the above mentioned school system for 10 weeks. **The officer should not be required to perform enforcement duties while teaching the D.A.R.E. curricula except in cases of law enforcement emergencies.**

The law enforcement administrator will ensure that the certified D.A.R.E. instructor abides by the Tennessee Highway Patrol D.A.R.E. Training Center Policy and Procedures and will be available to instruct on the scheduled days. The D.A.R.E. instructor will remain at each assigned school for lower grade visitations and student interaction time in addition to classroom presentations. **He/She will wear the uniform of the Department's patrol division while instructing any portion of the D.A.R.E. curriculum.**

The school administrator agrees to provide 45-60 minutes for each class presentation. The classroom teacher will remain in the classroom during the officer's presentations. Classes will not be combined except for graduation. The officer should have access to the playground and cafeteria to allow for informal interaction with the students.

If a D.A.R.E. officer exhibits any unacceptable behavior or performs poorly, the law enforcement agency's chief officer shall remove and/or replace the officer.

The following accept the terms of this agreement:

D.A.R.E. Officer

Title

Date

Agency or Division Head

Title

Date

Superintendent or
Drug-Free Coordinator

Title

Date