

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUCSON UNIFIED</b> SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GOVERNING BOARD REGULATION</b></p>	<p><b>REGULATION TITLE:</b></p> <p>Use of Conducted Energy Devices by School Safety Officers</p>
	<p><b>REGULATION CODE:</b> GBEB-R2</p>

**Conducted Energy Devices**

A Conducted Energy Device (CED) is a less-lethal tool that deploys an electro-muscular disruption charge that affects the sensory motor functions of the central nervous system. The CED is considered a less-lethal tool because there is a low potential for serious injury. A CED is also known as a Conducted Energy Device (CED), an Electro Muscular Disruption Device (EMDD), or Taser.

A Conducted Energy Device is only authorized to be carried or used by properly trained officers of the Department of School Safety.

“Authorized Officers of the Department of School Safety” includes only those individuals hired under the job titles listed under Exhibit GBEB-E2 *School Safety Officers Authorized to Carry Conducted Energy Devices*. In addition, these individuals will be certified to carry CEDs only after successfully completing all requirements of the mandatory CED training which is managed by the School Safety Department. The definition of “authorized officers” does *not* include school based security personnel such as Campus Monitors or Site Security Agents.

**Authorized Use of the CED**

1. The CED may be utilized in situations when encountering active aggression to debilitate a subject who poses an immediate threat of serious bodily injury or death to self or others.
2. On animals when other options have failed and the animal is posing a threat to officers or others.
3. A CED may be a substitute for deadly force in situations where deadly force is necessary, when an officer is armed with both a lethal and less-lethal weapon. The discretion to use the CED remains with the officer based on the totality of the situation.

**Prohibited Use of the CED**

- Use of the CED is prohibited under the following circumstances:
1. The act of verbal non-compliance shall not justify the use of the CED.

2. On subjects known to be pregnant, persons under 18, the visibly frail or elderly persons, unless deadly force is otherwise justified.
3. Situations where flammable gases or liquids are in close proximity to the subject.
4. On subjects who are in danger of falling from a significant height or into a dangerous location (e.g. a body of water, fire, down stairs).
5. A handcuffed person unless exigent circumstances exist, such as to prevent the subject from injuring himself or others and other means of control are ineffective or unavailable.
6. Subject is visibly confined to a wheelchair, unless it is objectively clear to prevent serious injury to himself/herself and/or deadly force is justified.
7. Subject is in control of a vehicle.
8. On individuals with known neuromuscular disorders such as multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy or epilepsy; or persons known to be wearing pacemakers or other biomedical devices sensitive to electrical current, or known to have heart conditions, unless deadly force is otherwise justified.
9. Activating more than one CED against a person at the same time.
10. Do not use on fleeing subjects, unless the person is and reasonably believed to cause imminent harm to others.
11. Officers shall not brandish the CED unless use is justified.

**Documentation**

1. Operator qualification records shall be kept by the School Safety Department's Training and Safety Manager.
2. Each time the trigger is pulled; the officer shall document this in the CED Log and notify the CED Coordinator. The CED Coordinator shall be responsible for downloading the data and printing a report. Copies of the report and the CED Log shall be forwarded to the Director of School Safety.

**Discipline** Failure to comply with this policy may subject the employee to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

**ADOPTED:** February 12, 2020

**CROSS REF:**

Exhibit GBEB-E2 School Safety Officers Authorized to Carry Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs)