



The Danville Independent School District is committed to the safety and security of all students, staff, and stakeholders. The Danville Schools School Safety Initiatives are guided by specific goals found in the Danville Schools Strategic Plan, school safety mandates set forth by Senate Bill 1, and school safety information disseminated by the Kentucky Center for School Safety. It is a document that may necessarily change as best practices in school safety are challenged and altered for the better.



Emergency Management Planning

Emergency Management Plans for individual schools are approved by the respective SBDM each school year. The created district position of Safe School Coordinator mandated by Senate Bill 1 Safe Schools Resilience Act assists principals and their staff on development of each school's Emergency Management Plan. Local first responders are utilized to assist with each school's EMP. The Danville Schools assess the effectiveness and related cost of products offered by commercial vendors that can assist with school crisis management, internal and external communication during a crisis, student accounting and other issues associated with school emergency management.



School Resource Officers

Before the start of the 2023-24 school district, the Danville Schools added two School Resource Officers (SROs). There are now SROs at each school building, for a total of four SROs from the Danville Police Department. The resource officers will be sworn officers from local law enforcement agencies and have all required training. SROs will be based at individual schools, but will be available to provide law enforcement services across the district.



Active Shooter/Threat of Harm Training Senate Bill 1 requires all staff members dealing directly with students be trained in the possible event of an

active shooter/threat of harm in a school. This session is a statewide training. **Staff are required to complete an annual training on this topic through the Kentucky Center for Safe Schools.**



Enhanced Student Wellness

In the 2019-20 school year, the Danville Schools started offering a one-of-a-kind school-based health clinic. In addition to medical and dental services provided to our students, there are improved mental health services offered by additional mental and social health providers. This comprehensive student

health and wellness programs are undoubtedly improving the climate and culture of all of our schools. Student wellness is also addressed in Senate Bill 1 in areas such as implementing a trauma informed approach to student counseling and creating threat assessment teams in each building that can identify individual students who might pose a threat to school safety. Beginning during the 2019-2020 school year, the district makes use of threat assessment teams and training to improve the safety of schools and students. Teams are trained annually as needed.



Secure Vestibules

In 2019-20, all Danville Independent schools established secure vestibules that provide the extra safety measure of double entry access. As of the 2023-24 school year, the district will also be adding secure vestibules to the Central Office building.



Social Media Monitoring

District and school personnel will continue to monitor social media sites by systemic methods. Monitoring will allow for the possible detection of any general or specific threats made against students and staff. The district will also assess the effectiveness of various products offered by outside vendors that can assist with the monitoring of school threats made on social media platforms.



Improved School Visitor Protocols

With information provided by the Kentucky Center for School Safety, all of our schools will make efforts to improve protocols associated with school visitors. Emphasis will be placed on issues such as avoiding automatic “buzz ins”, creating a common language script to greet visitors that is uniform across all of our schools, and consistently utilizing visitor badges. The Danville Schools will assess the effectiveness of products marketed by commercial vendors that can assist schools with the management of school visitors including the printing of visitor badges, providing real time background checks of visitors and monitoring of visitors in the school.



Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS)

In the 2019-20 school year, the Danville Schools implemented PBIS across the district. PBIS is a positive, proactive and instructional approach to school wide discipline and student behavior. PBIS has several goals and objectives including improving the culture and climate of schools, building

positive relationships between staff and students, and enhancing overall school safety, and supporting the overall Multi-Tiered Student Support (MTSS).



Safety and Security Drills

The Danville Schools, in addition to the mandated safety drills required by the school district and by statute, will make it a point of emphasis to conduct safety drills and/or discussions with students during non instructional times (morning arrival, lunch times, assemblies, etc.)



Enhanced Building Security

All classrooms in the Danville Independent Schools are closed and locked during instructional times as mandated by state law. In addition, routine daily checks of all exterior doors are made by school staff and/or an SRO. Controlled access to our schools are enhanced by making certain that exterior doors are closed and locked at all times during the school day.



Window Clings

In the 2021-2022 school year, the Danville Schools applied window clings to buildings to reduce visibility into school buildings from outside.



Trauma-Informed Care

Danville Schools counselors will have ongoing training on trauma-informed care. In 2021, the district established a trauma-informed care plan.



Automated External Defibrillator (AED)s and training for all

Beginning during the 2023-24 school year, all staff will be trained in the use of AEDs.