

The safety and well-being of students and staff is the district's top priority, and Dallas ISD has taken a number of steps to ensure safer schools. The district has consulted with security professionals, students, staff, parents and community members to **develop a Comprehensive Safety Plan that includes and goes beyond the recent requirements from the Texas School Safety Center**. Because safety is everyone's responsibility, the plan covers several areas:



FACILITIES

- More than \$100 million in safety and security improvements are being made at all campuses—security vestibules, security cameras, card access systems, etc.
- District staff will conduct continuous security checks for unlocked or damaged doors, unauthorized visitors
- Schools are conducting additional reviews of door locks, monitoring and surveillance systems, parking, cafeterias, referral resources and many other safety and intervention measures
- Metal detectors have been installed at secondary schools and hand-held wands have been made available to elementary schools
- All visitors without a district badge must be cleared through the Raptor system
- Dallas ISD Police and Security will continue to work closely with local law enforcement to enhance security across the district



STUDENTS

- Secondary students are required to use clear or mesh backpacks starting in 2022-2023 as an additional safety measure; visit www.dallasisd.org/backpacks to learn more
- Dallas ISD's approach to discipline changed with the elimination of most disciplinary suspensions and the creation of 52 reset centers in middle and high schools (serious offenses go through the disciplinary alternative education program)
- Reset centers focus on supporting each student by getting to the root cause of behavioral issues without students having to leave the school
- Because student mental health and well-being are priorities and pillars of safety, Dallas ISD added mental health services and staff during the 2021-2022 school year to assist students; learn more about student resources at www.dallasisd.org/mentalhealth
- Say Something Anonymous Reporting System is a proactive approach to violence prevention and a secure way to share safety concerns through a mobile app, website, or phone call; visit <https://www.dallasisd.org/saysomething> to learn more
- Campus Crime Stopper program offers rewards for reporting criminal and code of conduct violations; visit <https://www.dallasisd.org/crimestoppers> to learn more



PARENTS

- Every campus will have a Parent School Safety Committee to continuously generate additional ideas to improve safety on campus
- The district's School Safety and Security Committee includes parents and will continue to meet quarterly
- Parents can access Campus Crime Stoppers, which offers rewards for reporting criminal and code of conduct violations; visit <https://www.dallasisd.org/crimestoppers> for information and to make reports
- Because 4.6 million children live in homes with guns that are both loaded and unlocked, gun safety begins at home
- The Be SMART campaign raises awareness that secure gun storage—storing guns locked, unloaded and separate from ammunition—can save children's lives
- Mental health supports for students and families through the Youth and Family Centers' licensed clinicians and psychiatrists
- The centers offer a range of services to promote the wellness of students and families and improve access to health care and education
- Other services include individual, family and group counseling, psychiatrist consultations, medication management, and parent education and workshops
- Schedule appointments by contacting your local MHS Youth and Family Center at www.dallasisd.org/domain/168