



UPPER DARBY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Quick Review of Safety Procedures and Weapons Detection Update

May 27, 2025



Agenda

- Quick overview of Emergency Response Language and Procedures
- Communication
- Proactive Efforts and Mental Health Supports
- Threat Assessments
- Title IX Investigations
- Weapon Detection Systems

What is a Lock-Out?

- Bring students that are outside into the school.
- Conduct normal school operations.
- All ingress and egress will be by the main entrance, under the supervision of police, security, or administrator.
- Updates will be provided.
- Dismissal time may be delayed.
- Prepare for possible Lockdown or Evacuation

What is a Lock-In?

- Close classroom door.
- Conduct normal classroom activity.
- No one leaves classroom.
- Hallways and common areas clear of all students.
- Updates will be provided.
- Class change or dismissal time may be delayed.

What is a Lockdown?

- Implement District response procedures as a result of a life threatening event occurring inside the school, on school grounds, or immediately adjacent to the school, that has a high probability of moving onto school grounds.

Active Shooter

- **RUN:** Run away from shooter. Direct Contact-or-Can't Secure Area-or-Clear Escape Path.
- **HIDE:** Lock yourself in a secured area and remain out of the shooter's sight. Indirect Contact-or-Can Secure Room-or-No Clear Path of Escape.
- **FIGHT:** Resist or fight back. Direct Contact.

Evacuation

- Fire Drill or HazMat Situation
- Know Your Exit Route
- Rally Point – On and Off Site
- Take Attendance
- Utilize CrisisGo for checklist and communication

DeIPASS

- Delaware County Police Alert to School Safety
 - System is near its end of life
 - District will have to consider alternative options or rely on CrisisGo
 - No longer funded by the County
- Located in all District Facilities
- Alerts 911

Communication

- MOU with Local Law Enforcement
 - (Up for renewal before June 30, 2025)
- Parentlink
- CrisisGo
- Social Media
- District Website

Safe2Say Something

- [Upper Darby School District Safe2Say Something Video](#)
- Safe2Say Something is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. The program teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to “say something” BEFORE it is too late (<https://www.safe2saypa.org/>)

Piloted New Hall Pass System- SmartPass

- Piloted April 2025 to end of the 2024-2025 school year
- Plan for full implementation at the secondary school level for the 2025-2026 school year

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a multi-tiered approach to social, emotional and behavior support.
 - Teacher, model, and reinforce expected behaviors
 - Data driven decisions and movement through the tiers of support
- K-12 Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum
 - Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, Responsible Decision Making

Trauma Informed Approach

- Past partnership with Lakeside Neurologic has helped us build internal capacity
- Brain-Based approach to supporting students in all learning environments
- Classroom Regulation Plans
- School-Wide Regulation Plans
- Trauma Informed Leadership Teams (TILT)

Mental Health Supports

- School Based Mental Health Supports with Social Worker and/or School Counselor through referral process
- Student Assistance Program (SAP)
- Partnership with Child Guidance Resource Center (CGRC)
 - Satellite outpatient clinics-UDHS, Hillcrest, Stonehurst
 - Behavior Support Specialists in all Emotional Support classrooms

Mental Health Supports

- Dr. Ursone, Mr. Finch, Ms. Simone and Dr. McGarry completed Youth Mental Health First Aid Youth Training, and they are now certified trainers (October 22-25, 2024).
- Trained secondary hall monitors (32) on Youth Mental Health First Aid, and now they are officially Mental Health First Aiders (May 20, 2025).

SpeakUp

- SpeakUp! is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) public charity dedicated to helping teens develop supportive relationships with the adults in their lives.
- We enable teens to talk openly, honestly and without judgment about difficult topics and reach out for support within their homes and schools.
- SpeakUp! focuses on the fact that no matter what the problem is – stress, drugs, alcohol, depression, anxiety, suicide, relationships, social media or others – the solution always begins with realizing you are not alone and having the courage to speak up and ask for help. All teens benefit from learning how to have courageous conversations with important adults in their lives.
- SpeakUp! currently partners with over 30 middle and high schools in the greater Philadelphia region. These consist of urban, suburban, public and private schools (<https://speakup.org/about-us/>)

Threat Assessments

- Board Policy 236.1
- District and School-Based threat assessment team(s)
- Annual training on evidence based model from Dr. Cornell's Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines
- Each threat is evaluated and determination made for further actions
- 373 Threat Assessments during the 2024-2025 SY
- 331 Threat Assessments during the 2023-2024 SY
- 491 Threat Assessments during the 2022-2023 SY
- 210 Threat Assessments during the 2021-2022 SY

Title IX Investigations

What is Title IX?

- A federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination based on sex in education.
- “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” *20 USCA Sec. 1681*
- On April 19, 2024, the U.S. Department of Education released the Title IX regulation amendments of 2024

Title IX Investigations

UDSD Board Policy 103, 103.1, 103.2 and 104

(Policy 103.2 shall only be followed at district schools where the U.S. Department of Education has not been enjoined from enforcing the 2024 Title IX regulations. The process in Attachment 3 shall be followed by Upper Darby High School and Drexel Hill Middle School)

- The District is committed to the maintenance of a safe and positive learning environment for all students that is free from discrimination by providing all students course offerings, counseling, assistance, services, employment, athletics and extracurricular activities without any form of discrimination, including Title IX sexual harassment.
- Supportive measures are offered to the complainant and respondent.
- The formal grievance process for complaints is outlined in Attachment 3 of UDSD Board Policy 103 and 104.
- Written determination is provided by a Decision Maker from outside of the District.

Title IX Investigations

All complaints reported that may fall under UDSD Board Policy 103 and 104 are reviewed by the Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator.

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Weapon Detection Systems:

Implementation December 11, 2024

- UDHS: 9 Systems (1 additional system for outdoor stadium)
- BHMS: 4 Systems
- DHMS: 4 Systems

Weapon Detection Systems Data:

- 728,350 visitors
- 71,084 alerts

*since December 11, 2024

Weapon Detection Systems Data:

- UDHS: 13% alert average
- BHMS: 8 % alert average
- DHMS: 7 % alert average

*** since December 11, 2024**

Weapon Detection Systems Data:

Typical alert examples:

- 864 laptops
- 662 umbrellas
- 257 eyeglasses

*** since December 11, 2024**

Weapon Detection Systems Data:

Some of the Items that are considered unsafe on school campus:

- 7 knives/box cutters
- 2 brass knuckles
- 7 pepper spray

* since December 11, 2024

Communication and Preparation for 2025-2026:

- District Weapons Detection Video: [Introductory Video](#)
- Video will be sent out the month prior to a new school year and each week for two weeks prior to the start of the school year.



Questions?