THE BCPS Advantage



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Setting the Standard in Safety and Security

Safe and secure learning environments are essential to student learning. Broward County Public Schools prioritizes the well-being of students, staff and visitors through a comprehensive, multi-layered approach that integrates dedicated personnel, advanced technology and strong partnerships with local law enforcement. Safety and security teams support schools every day with a focus on prevention, rapid response and maintaining secure learning environments.

BCPS works closely with law enforcement agencies across Broward County to maintain seamless coordination before, during and after critical incidents. Through joint training, active assailant preparedness, real-time camera access and collaborative threat management, the District supports a unified emergency response approach. In partnership with the Broward Sheriff's Office and local municipalities, BCPS continues to maintain School Resource Officers and trained Armed Guardians as critical layers of protection across campuses.

The District continues to invest in advanced safety technology that strengthens real-time awareness, communication and coordination. With more than 18,000 surveillance cameras, a 24/7 Security Operations Center, visitor management systems and enhanced communication platforms, BCPS is equipped to identify and respond quickly to emerging issues.

This year, the District expanded its Alyssa's Alert System through the addition of CrisisAlert Badges, giving staff another immediate way to request assistance and initiate rapid response during emergencies. BCPS also uses deployable drones in a limited support role for select large-scale events, emergency operations and campus assessments.

Each school follows established safety protocols, including single points of entry, secured perimeter gates, regular safety drills and proactive threat assessment processes. Additional measures, such as weapons detection systems at high schools and enhanced event security, provide further layers of safety.

BCPS also encourages students, staff and community members to report suspicious activities or safety concerns using the FortifyFL app. This reporting tool helps support timely reporting, emergency notification and coordinated response, reinforcing that a vigilant and engaged community is essential to maintaining safe schools.

Through ongoing communication, continuous improvement and strong collaboration with families, law enforcement and community partners, BCPS continues to strengthen and evolve its safety practices. At BCPS, safety is more than a priority; it is a shared commitment to ensuring every student can learn and thrive in a secure, supportive environment.