



What is the School District Doing to Ensure Your Child is Safe at School?

Employee Training

- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Active Shooter Response
- Stop the Bleed
- Active Shooter, Sexual Harassment and Bullying and Harassment Modules
- Sandy Hook Promise – Signs of Suicide
- Safety for LGBTQ Students by Equality Florida
- Extensive Background Screening of Employees and Volunteers
- Emergency Action Procedures Guide
- Child Abuse Reporting
- Threat Assessment/Safety Assessment & Intervention
- Anti-Bias/Prejudice Awareness by Equality Florida

School Hardening

- Security fencing to create a single points of entry
- Installation of school security cameras
- Locked classroom doors
- Marked safe spaces in each classroom
- Electronic locking system at main entrances
- Tinting on selected doors and windows
- Opaque covering on windows within doors

Supervision

- School resource officers at every school
- Participation in the Guardian program to include classroom teachers
- Alternative School for students needing a more restrictive environment
- Security walk-throughs with first responders
- Host Special Weapons and Tactics trainings on school campuses
- School Security Validation Checklist with Sheriff's Department and District Administration

Threat Response

- Revised threat assessment protocol
- Employment of district crisis counselors and school psychologists
- Individualized safety plans for students identifying threat to harm themselves or others
- Intensive Tier 3 interventions to meet students' needs

Substance Abuse

- Substance Abuse Instruction
- Partnership with DATA for two substance abuse counselors at the secondary level
- Referrals for Alternative Placement
- Random drug testing for students participating in privileged school activities

Prevention Curriculum

- Second Steps – Grades K-8
- Implementation of Child Trafficking curriculum
- Sandy Hook Promise – Say Something & Start with Hello
- Cloud 9
- Positive behavioral intervention and support at each school
- Check-In Check-Out
- Five hours of Mental Health & Wellness in grades 6-12
- Teen Safety Matters
- DARE offered by Okeechobee Sheriff's Department
- Ripple Effects
- All In - PACERs National Bullying Prevention Center curriculum
- Stranger Danger

Online Safety and Reporting Tools

- Implemented Suspicious Reporting App called FortifyFL
- Online Safety Instruction prior to students accessing using CyberSafety, NetSmartzKids and NSTeens
- Crime Stoppers Hotline advertisements
- Securely software to identify online threats to self or others
- Advanced Online Safety Instruction by Sheriff's Department
- Crime Watch Organizations at each school

Recognizing the Need for Help

- Early warning system to identify students needing support
- Guidance counselors at all schools
- Functional behavioral Assessments
- Universal screenings to identify students needing assistance
- Access to Florida School Safety Portal
- Behavior intervention plans

Services for Students and Families

- Family engagement activities
- Licensed mental health counseling at all schools
- Shared Services Network access to services
- Employment of district social worker
- Management of a System of Care grant through Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network
- Designated Gold level healthy school district