

Safety and Security in Newport News Public Schools

Safety and Security

- The safety of our students continues to be of utmost importance to Newport News Public Schools
- NNPS employs a variety of security measures in our daily efforts to provide safe and secure learning environments

Safety and Security

- Newport News Public Schools is committed to ensuring that all students have safe and productive learning environments.
- Establishing positive relationships and clear expectations for behavior are at the core of creating supportive classrooms and great schools.

Safety is a Priority

- Safety is practiced daily.
- During morning arrival, all students and visitors enter the building through the main entrance.
- Throughout the day, all exterior doors locked and a buzzer-entry/camera system is utilized.
- All visitors including parents/guardians are required to sign in at the visitor station and wear a visitor's pass while they are in the building.

Safety is a Priority

- All schools have camera and video surveillance systems
- Random locker, classroom and backpack checks are performed
- All school buses are equipped with cameras and GPS

School Security Officers

- NNPS has one of the largest school security departments in Virginia.
- 60 School Security Officers are assigned to all middle and high schools and designated elementary schools
 - “Rover” School Security Officers rotate among the remaining elementary schools
- All officers are certified by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

School Resource Officers

- Newport News Police Department assigns School Resource Officers to each middle and high school.
- SROs also assist elementary schools.

School Resource Officers

- Support school safety and security
- Participate in school security assessments
- Teach legal, civic, and other classes to students and staff
- Lead crime prevention efforts
- Provide advice to school leaders and students regarding possible law violations
- Assist with traffic control.

School Emergency Management

- Each school has a Safety and Security Plan which is updated annually
- All schools are required to practice emergency drills throughout the school year so that students and staff will know how to respond in each situation.

School Emergency Management

- Schools must conduct two active threat drills annually (one each semester), monthly fire evacuation drills, two tornado drills annually and one earthquake drill annually.
- Active shooter drills are held every year with School Security Officers in conjunction with the Newport News Police Department. Active shooter trainings/presentations are given to faculty and staff at every school.

***Safety and Security is
Consistently Monitored
in NNPS***