



## APS Safety Fact Sheet

APS has a strong commitment to maintaining safety that includes strong policies to minimize disruptions, train staff and fund safety equipment.

A "[Safe Schools Brochure](#)," which outlines APS policies and regulations, is provided to each of our students and staff members.

To prepare for possible emergencies, Aurora Public Schools has formed partnerships with law enforcement, fire and rescue agencies, as well as with mental health, crisis, and social service organizations.

In the event of an emergency, APS has the following plans in place to ensure safety for staff and students:

- All sites have current lock-down and evacuation plans.
- All sites have strong visitor management policies in place.
- The APS Incident Response Team participates in emergency drills with or local first responder agencies to proactively prepare for emergencies and to enhance our ability to respond effectively in an emergency.
- APS has a solid working relationship with Aurora Department, Aurora Fire Department and the Aurora Office of Emergency Management.

### Safety Information

- Ensuring student and staff safety is our top priority
- We challenge every member of APS to encompass safety awareness in all their activities so we can maintain a healthy and effective school district that is always maximizing our efforts to teach children.
- We have a zero tolerance policy for any unsafe behavior.
  - Gangs
  - Drugs
  - Discrimination and bullying
  - Weapons
- We work hard every day to ensure that our students learn in safe and comfortable schools. Our schools are among the safest places in our community.
- We partner with many community service providers to help keep our kids safe.
- The Aurora Fire Department recently gave APS schools and buildings the highest safety rating possible.

### Members of the APS Incident Response Team

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