



Safety and Security Procedures Fact Sheet

At Atlanta Public Schools (APS), the safety and security of all our students and staff is our top priority. School safety is everyone's business, and we take this seriously. It requires the cooperation of everyone — students, staff, and parents. Here is a summary of some of the safety and security protocols and procedures that are in place at APS:

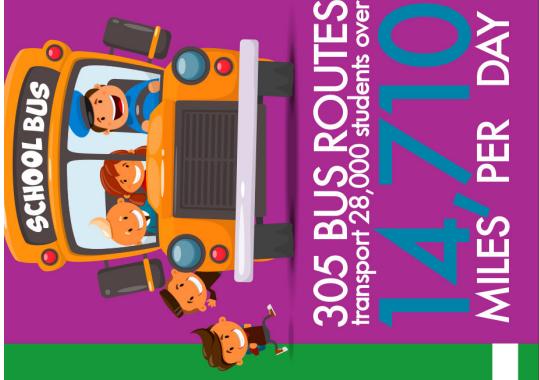
- APS adheres to the state law that requires an all-hazards plan for all schools which includes relocation and reunification sites. In addition, we require our schools to practice drills across six categories – lockdown, shelter-in-place, earth quake, evacuation/reverse evacuation and medical emergencies.
- APS' school safety plan includes detailed instructions for those six categories in emergency situations.
- Our staff is trained to report suspicious persons or activities on our campuses to our Safety and Security officers immediately. In addition, they are trained to maintain control, be responsive, and follow the directions of all public safety responders and other coordinating law enforcement agencies in emergencies.
- The district's safety and security plans are site and school-specific depending on the design and layout of each building.
- 100% of our buildings are controlled access and we require district identification badges for individuals inside our schools.
- Our schools are currently outfitted with over 4,500 cameras as well as closed circuit television that is monitored by our Safety and Security team 24/7.
- APS has a trained Safety and Security officer assigned to every one of our middle and high schools, and we have a cluster of officers assigned to each of our elementary schools.
- APS Safety and Security officers are trained on how to respond to active shooter scenarios.
- Through our model of policing, our APS police officers build relationships with our students and our communities.
- We remind parents and caregivers that in the event that their child's school should experience an emergency, rushing to a school site in the middle of that emergency can make it difficult for first responders to gain quick access to the school. The best course of action is to wait for detailed instructions from APS on how to reunify with your child/children. The district will provide that information accurately and quickly.

We each have a role to play in ensuring that our schools continue to be a safe place for learning and exploration, and it is incumbent on all of us to be vigilant and follow the designated safety and security protocols that are in place.

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FACTS

Hispanic students account for
70% of the APS student population

Asian/American Indian/
Alaskan/Other rounds out our
student population at 1.2%

2% of our students
are multicultural

15.2% are Caucasian

74.4% of APS students
are African American

76.4%
of students are eligible for
free or reduced price meals

PROJECTED
K-12 STUDENT ENROLLMENT
51,927

11,000
Chromebooks to support
instruction/testing

4,023 TOTAL TEACHERS
Charter/Partner: 979
Traditional: 3,044

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