

# Anderson School District One

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Dear Parents:

As we begin a new school year I wanted each of you to know that student safety and security continues to be of the upmost importance to Anderson School District One. Certainly one of my top priorities is to communicate and reassure parents that the district's safety procedures and enhancements are sound, secure and best practices. The reality is our employees have always focused on protecting students from difficult or dangerous situations. As most of you are aware, it is a challenge to balance safety within a school environment that promotes parent and community involvement and activity.

These measures reflect our district and community's high expectations for school safety and security and include the following:

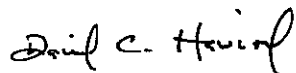
- I. We have limited access to our school building (access/security doors). All visitors must be "buzzed" into main hallways/office areas.
- II. We monitor and screen all school guests. Each school in the district has in place an internet-based school check-in system for all visitors, which will provide instant sex offender checks. This allows the administration to deny entry to the building to individuals that have a sex offender criminal record.
- III. Each school annually update school safety plans and the Anderson Sheriff's Department, West Pelzer Police Dept. and the Williamston Police Department are provided copies.
- IV. We have 8 school resource officers that are assigned to the elementary, middle and high schools within the district. Additionally, there is a resource officer at the Anderson District One and Two Career & Technology Center. They provide a visible presence at each of the district schools on a daily basis.
- V. Appropriate use of district's mental health professionals
- VI. All employees participate in the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) violent intruder response training.
- VII. Edulink parent emergency notification system which provides information to home phones/cell phones and email accounts instantly

- VIII. State of the art security systems for all schools that includes almost 600 cameras throughout the 14 buildings within the district.
- IX. A detailed and thorough application process and SLED check system for all volunteers
- X. Video cameras on all school buses which can be monitored on a regular basis
- XI. Road and parking area enhancements and improvements throughout the 14 schools that provides for safer drop-off and dismissal of students.
- XII. Appropriate student discipline referrals to the Anderson County Alternative School
- XIII. Administrators and resource officers review on an annual basis the model safe schools checklist
- XIV. Regular drug dog searches and sweeps in each of the middle and high schools
- XV. Full-time registered nurse in each school
- XVI. Trained medical/CPR responders and AED's at every school

The district has established an excellent working relationship with each of our law enforcement partners which includes the Anderson Sheriff's Department, Williamston Police Department and the West Pelzer Police Department. We collaborate on a regular basis to assess safety needs and/or other enhancements.

Finally, and most importantly, Anderson School District One is committed to continually working to improve school safety as a need arises. Our administrators, faculty and staff take any threats of violence, criminal misconduct and bullying seriously and urge reporting of such incidents. Your child's safety is our first priority and with your cooperation and support we can work diligently to prevent any serious or harmful acts from occurring in our schools.

Sincerely,



David C. Havird  
Superintendent