

# A CULTURE OF SAFETY

*Safety is everyone's responsibility. A safe learning environment is critical for effective teaching and learning. When students and staff are not distracted or worried about safety, they are in a better mindset to keep their attention on educational goals.*



## OUR PEOPLE

ARE PRESENT & ENGAGED

Our **FCS School Police Department and security personnel** are professional, prepared and growing. The district has expanded its police force to provide increased school presence and patrols. More **Campus Security Associates (CSAs)** are being added to monitor school entrances, parking lots, hallways and video surveillance systems.

School personnel are stepping up their activities with **more awareness and more commitment** to safety measures. For example, front office staff require all campus visitors to register into our **RAPTOR visitor management system** upon entry, which screens everyone through a **national criminal database**; district staff are required to always wear their **employee ID badges**; and all employees have access to a **mobile emergency notification system**.

**Expanded community partnerships with municipal police forces**, through an effort of a joint Youth and School Safety Coalition, will **increase coordination and law enforcement officer presence** at school campuses.



## OUR TOOLS

ASSIST & ALERT OUR PEOPLE

Fulton County Schools has led the way in the use of school safety technology with **Avigilon security camera systems** and the communications tool **CrisisGo** that is on every school leader's and staff member's cell phone. The **Centegix Crisis Alert System** allows teachers and staff to activate an emergency alert using a special wearable badge.

**Flock Safety cameras** check vehicle license plates for unlawful campus visitors and **alarms on all exterior doors** alert on-campus staff to opened doors that should be locked and secured during business operations.

The FCS Safety & Security team also uses **online monitoring technology** to review social media platforms for activity and threats.



## OUR PREPARATION

CREATES READINESS & RESPONSE

The school system's anonymous **S.H.A.R.E. Tip Line** (See It. Hear It. And Report It Every Time.) enables students, staff and the community to **report school threats, weapons, violence** or other school safety suspicions or concerns.

Our proactive **Threat Assessment Protocol** provides explicit guidance for school administrators to engage students who exhibit signs of concern.

**Quarterly safety drills** at schools prepare students and staff to respond appropriately. FCS will add **"Run. Hide. Fight."** training for staff and students in case of a man-made emergency or active shooter situation, utilizing age-appropriate content and strategies.

## OUR SAFETY COMMITMENT

Fulton County Schools is committed to providing safe and secure learning environments and will continue to **PREPARE** our **PEOPLE** with the **TOOLS** to reinforce safety in our schools.

*For a full list of safety measures, visit [www.fultonschools.org/safetyfirst](http://www.fultonschools.org/safetyfirst)*