



CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORT CARD REVIEW

BY ALEXANDRIA CITY HIGH SCHOOL



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TOPIC

School Safety And Security

TOPIC DESCRIPTION

I am seeing school shooters still entering the building and kids are still finding ways to fight each other and kids don't feel safe being in school It is scary to see that shooters are still able to enter school buildings, making many students feel like they are not safe while trying to learn. Even with security, some kids are still fighting and bringing violence into the school, which causes fear for everyone else. Because of this a lot of students do not feel comfortable at school anymore, which makes it hard to focus on getting good grades. It is important for schools to have better safety rules so that students can feel protected and secure in their classrooms it should matter at ACHS because without safety it messes up the kids mental health.

BASELINE DATA & GOAL

What Do We Know + What Is the Goal?
over **80% of surveyed students felt unsafe at school**

I want to change 80% of students feeling unsafe to 0% of students feeling unsafe

CYCP GOAL & STRATEGIC AREA

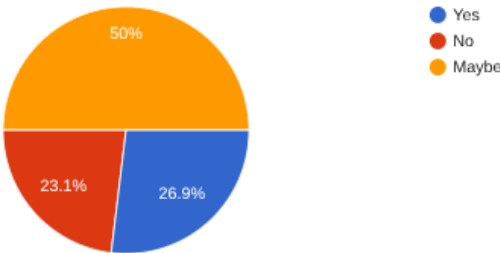
Safety & Responsibility

all children, youth, and families are physically safe and healthy".

WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW?

Do you feel safe at school

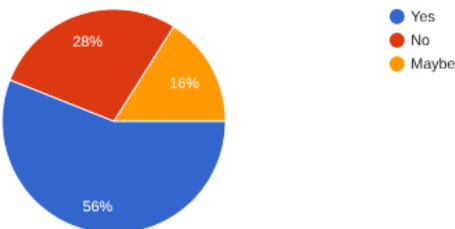
26 responses



This date shows that if school feels safe and 50% said maybe and 23.1% said not this is important because some people do believe that school is not safe place to come and learn

Are there security cameras at your school

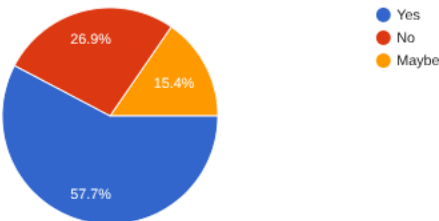
25 responses



This date shows that if students think there is security cameras at your school and 20% said no this is important because students don't even know if there is cameras at the school because the lack of cameras

is there a locked entrance during school hours?

26 responses



THIS DATA SHOWS THAT 57.7% OF STUDENTS HAVE A LOCKED ENTRANCE DURING SCHOOL HOURS 15.4% OF KIDS DON'T KNOW IF THERE LOCKED

WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN TRIED?

Alexandria City High School (ACHS) is enhancing security by adding School Security Officers, increasing hallway sweeps, and tightening lunch supervision with MINGA ID check-ins, tightening weapon screening processes, and requiring staff to monitor high-traffic areas.

WHO CAN HELP?

the Alexandria City School Board And the local law enforcement Alexandria Police Department



WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

Quantity: What actions have been taken?

Increased School Security Officers, Staggered dismissal, staggered lunch times, mandatory ID checks, and controlled entry points
Upgraded security protocols, improved camera systems, and consistent weapon detection scanning

Quality: How well are those actions working?

By March 2026, reports showed a 40% decrease in incidents requiring police

The addition of the new Director of Safety and Security has led to more active, visible patrols

IS IT ACTUALLY HELPING?

Use data to explain if the actions taken so far are making a difference.

It is in fact working study shows that By March 2026, reports showed a 40% decrease in incidents requiring police

WHAT SHOULD CHANGE? (YOUR SOLUTION)

I think Adding more security and more police officers at the school would significantly drop the number of people that don't feel safe at school theirs a lot of students When frequent fights break out in the hallways or cafeteria, school stops feeling like a place to learn and starts feeling dangerous it makes students to feel anxious, stressed Instead of focusing on classes, students might worry about being caught in the middle of a conflict or being targeted a lot of people said the same thing altercations make them nervous at school if kids want to learn they should be in a environment where they feel safe

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

If your solution is used, what will improve?

It would improve students moods it will make them want to come to school because they know they would be in a safe environment and not have to worry about safety

Who will benefit and how? The students teacher, and parents they would not have to worry about their safety

CITATIONS

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LEARN MORE

List at least 2 helpful resources, and explain how they help.

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