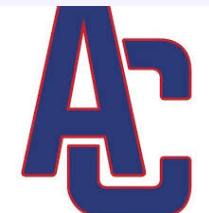




CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORT CARD REVIEW

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TOPIC

School Safety & Security

TOPIC DESCRIPTION

School safety and security is a concern for students, teachers and even parents. students may feel unsafe or stressed, which makes it harder for them to focus and learn in class. Teachers are affected because fights interrupt lessons and make it harder to keep the school calm and organized. This matter because a secure and orderly environment can create a safe place for students to feel comfortable secured at school.

BASELINE DATA & GOAL

We know that fights and unsafe behavior at Alexandria City High School can make students feel scared, distracted and less focused on learning. The goal is to reduce fights and improve safety in the school

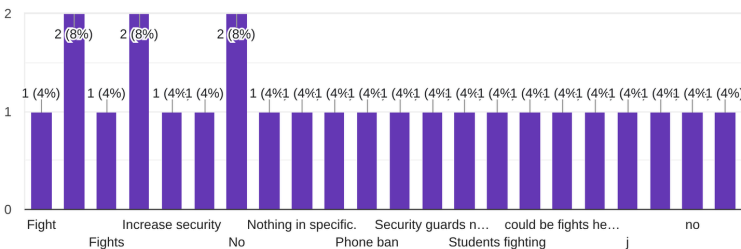
CYCP GOAL & STRATEGIC AREA

The main Goal 1, "We will ensure that all children, youth and families are physically safe and healthy," directly connects to school safety and security. This goal focuses on creating safe environments, preventing violence, and promoting security in schools

WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW?

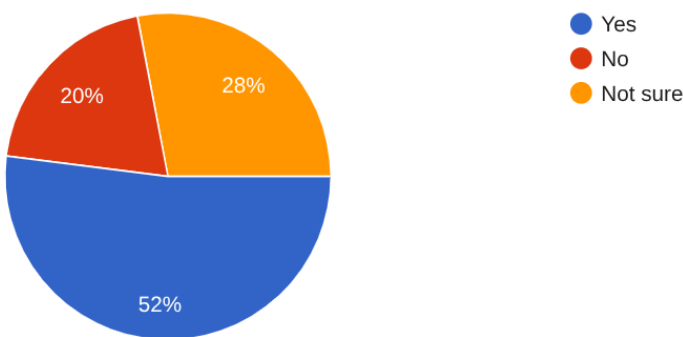
What is the biggest safety issue at ACHS?

25 responses



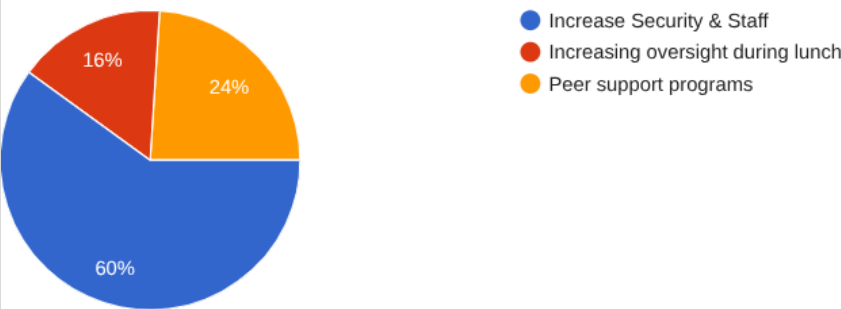
The graph shows that many students identify fights as one of the biggest safety issues at ACHS. Students also mentioned problems such as lack of supervision and security concerns. This matters because fights can make students feel unsafe and distracted from learning. If the school focuses on preventing fights by increasing security and supervision, it could create a safer and more positive school environment for all students including staffs too

Do you think the school should have more security personnel?



The graph shows that 52% of students think ACHS should have ore security personnel, while only 20% said no this matters because it shows that many students do not fully feel safe at school and believe ore security guard could help prevent fights and other problems students opinion are important because they experience the school environment every day

What can be done to improve school safety at ACHS?



The graph shows that 60% of students think increasing security is the best way to improve school safety. other students believed peer support programs (24%)and ore oversight during lunch (16%) most student agree that stronger security and supervision are needed to reduce safety problems at school the data supports the idea that students want adult present to help prevent fight.

Strategies already tried/Are strategies working?

Alexandria City High School has already increased supervision and used security staff to improve school safety. The graph also show that the school has support programs and adult oversight. The strategies are helping but students still think there should be more done. The graphs show that 60% of students want more security and staff, which mean many students still do not feel completely safe enough.

WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN TRIED?

Alexandria City High School is making some change to make the school safer. They’re hiring more security guards, upgrading cameras, and doing more hall sweeps. they’re also watching lunch period more closely and making sure students stick to where they supposed to be there will be consequences if they don’t. The school is also collaborating with the Alexandria Police Department on any law enforcement investigation.

WHO CAN HELP?

Stakeholder 1: Casa Chirilagua create after school programs to teach kids how to contructively think about way to spend time safely the adult role model positively connect with students to help develop skills to help them handle things in difficult situations.

Stakeholder 2: Safe Space Nova train teachers administration and even student leader how to identify whenever they are in need of support in crisis situations

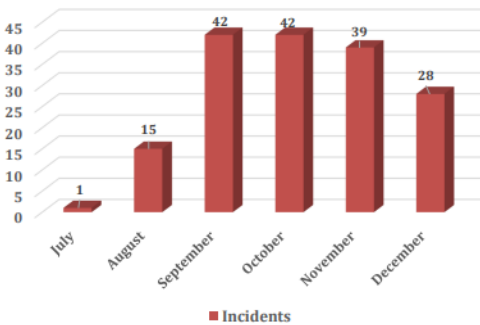


WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

Alexandria City High School has implemented a layered security including increased security personnel weapons, detection and mandatory students IDs. Recent data shows a 40% drop in requiring police response was observed in the first semester of the 2025-2026 school year.

IS IT ACTUALLY HELPING?

The safety and security action at Alexandria City High School seem to be making some difference. The number of incidents started to decrease near the end of the semester the report shows that there were 42 incident both September and October but the number dropped to 39 in November and then 28 in December this means that the school safety efforts such as stricter rules are still having issues. Students are not completely better off yet because fights and threats are still happening. The data shows improvement but the school still has to work to do to fully improve safety for everyone.



WHAT SHOULD CHANGE? (YOUR SOLUTION)

The best solution to improve safety at Alexandria City High School is to increase security at school to prevent fights. The survey data supports this idea because 60% of students said that increasing security and staff would be the best way to improve school safety in another question on the survey 52% of students said the school should have more security many students wrote responses such as “hire more security” and “more cameras” This shows that students believe having more security guards and supervision would make them feel safer at school increasing security would help students feel safer, reduce fights, improve behavior, and create a better learning environment for everyone at ACHS.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

If my solution is used it will benefit the students school and the parents because they will have more security and everyone will feel safer at school and students could focus more on learning instead of worrying about violence or threats.

LEARN MORE

The children and youth community plan report card was a useful resource because it showed me different goals that can help create a better environment at school. Another good resource was the ACHS page because it helped me find important updates regarding to ACHS Safety security.

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