



AESD School Safety & Security

The Avondale Elementary School District prioritizes the safety and security of all AESD students, staff and visitors and is committed to providing safe learning and work environments for all. We have made many preparations to deal effectively and realistically with situations that could occur in or around your child's school. While we hope that a serious incident never occurs, our goal is to be prepared for any potential emergency.

The Avondale Schools work in partnership with local law enforcement and first responders, specifically, the police and fire departments of Avondale and Goodyear, to monitor and ensure that our school communities are safe.

AESD has a comprehensive plan in place to support our focus on safe schools which includes but is not limited to:

- Strong partnerships with local law enforcement and first responders including School Resource Officers (SROs) in Goodyear and Neighborhood Resource Officers (NROs) in Avondale who are available to support our schools and a new AESD Safety and Wellness Administrator.
- Each school conducts the following drills with students and staff with specific protocols in place for each:
 - Monthly fire (evacuation) drills
 - Two Lockdown drills per year - *Lockdown! Locks, Lights, Out of Sight!*
 - One Secure drill - *Secure! Get inside. Lock outside doors!*
 - One Hold drill - *Hold! In your room or area. Clear the halls!*
 - Two bus evacuation drills (Fall/Spring)
- Staff safety training
- Safety Committees at all schools that support, promote and enhance safe learning and working environments for all students and adults.
- Risk/Threat Assessment Teams at all schools who conduct risk/threat assessments to help determine whether a student poses a threat of violence to self or others.
- Closed campuses
- Single point of entry for visitors
- School Gate Guardian - visitor management system - IDs required and electronic background checks performed
- Zonar - MyView Bus Pass System

The Avondale Elementary School District recently joined forces with neighboring school districts in the southwest valley to form the Southwest Valley Safety Coalition collaborating with local police and fire departments, school district superintendents, administrators, educators and safety training professionals. A goal of the coalition is to help educate staff, students and community members on protocols, practices, drills and information to help during a crisis situation.

The Avondale Elementary School District in partnership with local law enforcement utilize the [I Love U Guys Foundation](#) Standard Response Protocol (SRP). The Standards Response Protocol is a nationally recognized protocol that is simple for staff and students. School districts involved in the Southwest Valley Schools Safety Summit also use the I Love U Guys Standard Response Protocol.