



School Safety and Preparedness in District 97

Our Commitment

There is nothing we take more seriously than ensuring our schools are safe, stable, and welcoming places for students, staff, and families.

What We Have in Place

- **Comprehensive emergency response and school safety protocols**
Plans are regularly reviewed and practiced by administrators and staff.
- **Standard Response Protocol (SRP)**
Used for a wide range of situations, including threats on campus, near school property, or elsewhere in the community—situations that could include the presence of federal agents.
- **Established practices for managing visitors, including law enforcement**
All visitors are directed to the main office, consistent with district policy.
- **District-level support and family resources**
Central office safety team is available to support schools quickly, and families can access resources or connect directly with school or district staff.



[https://www.op97.org/
parents/student-
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How We Respond to Concerning Situations or Threats

- **SRP can be initiated at any time by school staff** when there is a potentially concerning situation.
- **SRP alerts are delivered immediately through the Raptor system**, ensuring staff receive notifications quickly and can respond consistently (ex., initiating a Secure response to bring everyone inside and secure exterior doors).
- **A district-level point person and safety team** are available to support schools immediately.

Important Information for Families/Staff

- District 97 does not ask for or collect immigration status when students enroll, and immigration status has no impact on the education a student receives.
- We do not share student or family immigration status or student records with immigration officials unless required by a valid court order.
- Immigration enforcement personnel must present a criminal warrant signed by a judge to enter schools or other district facilities.