



Guardian Program

WHAT IS THE GUARDIAN PROGRAM?

The “Guardian” plan allows the school district to authorize certain employees to carry weapons on campus. Weapons are generally not allowed on school campuses, but the Texas Penal Code provides an exception if written authorization is given by the school board & the district. (TX Govt Code 411.1901)

REQUIREMENTS

The Guardians will be staff members who have passed each of the following requirements (and more):

1. Hand selected staff members - (Must agree to volunteer)
2. Must have their Concealed Handgun License (CHL)
3. Must pass a psychological exam (Same as local law enforcement)
4. Must qualify annually which means qualifying on the gun range through a process which is under the control of a certified firearms instructor
5. Must go through joint training with local law enforcement
6. Must be trained in tactics for denying an intruder entry into a classroom or facility
7. Must attend trainings designated by the Safety & Security department within CISD

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Training Required - (Initial):

1. 24 Hours by licensed and certified instructor
2. Stricter 90% required live fire qualification and simulation training, (Marshal qualification is 75%)
3. Deals with safely stopping active shooter only (no law enforcement responsibilities)
4. Can be personalized to each guardian and the school district
5. District establishes policies and rules
6. Customizable training plan (In Person & Virtual)
7. District choice on ammunition used
8. In-house & Remote training
9. Designed for 1 purpose- **PROTECTING STUDENTS FROM AN ACTIVE SHOOTER PRIOR TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVAL**

ADVANTAGES

- 1) Training dates and times determined by the district
- 2) No law enforcement responsibility in an emergency situation
- 3) Local partnerships with Celina PD for on-going training
- 4) Monthly training with Celina ISD PD and Student Resource Officers
- 5) As our School District PD grows, we will gain the ability to bring all training in house, eliminating outside training costs.
- 6) Overall Cost savings approximately 80%

School Safety Certification

The Texas Department of Public Safety designed the School Safety Certification course to terrain educators to carry defensive handguns on school campuses. Local firearms instructors provides the Texas D.P.S. approved training for school districts and teachers. During the state-mandated two days of instruction, they place students into real-world scenarios and testing of the four core topics instructs, as required by the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS)

- 1) Protection of Students.
- 2) Interaction of license holders with first responders.
- 3) Tactics for denying an intruder entry into a classroom or school facility.
- 4) Methods for increasing a license holder's accuracy with a handgun while under duress.

Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will receive a Texas D.P.S. Proof of Training Form. Completed courses will be then filed with Texas Department of Public Safety as a part of their License to Carry in accordance with Texas Government Code 411.1901.