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# United Independent School District Safety and Security Measures

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## Safety & Security Committee

- State-mandated committee with membership, operational, and reporting requirements
- Oversees the development and implementation of the district's emergency plans
- Required to submit any and all audit findings to safety committee.





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- Law Enforcement presence—
  United ISD Police Department (UISD PD)
  - 85 commissioned police officers including 3 K-9 Handlers (Includes 12 vacancies)
  - 147 security guards (Includes 11 vacancies)
  - Outside Law Enforcement and First Responder Walkthroughs



### **Improvements of Campus Facilities**

- Security vestibules at all campuses
- Impact-resistant glass
- Additional security cameras
- Crisis Alert wearable panic buttons
- Card reader access locks
- New UISD PD radios and communication towers
- Classroom phones
- Perimeter fencing at all campuses
- Cell Phone Boosters (Phase 1)
- Public Announcement Systems
- Procedures implemented for limiting entry points





### **Identification Badges**

- All students in grades 6-12
- Suicide Hotline information added to the back of badges
- All employees while on district property conducting district business
- All visitors are screened through the Visitor Management system; a government-issued photo ID is required







life-threatening emergency, dial 9-1-1.



### **Clear Backpacks**

- All secondary students, grades K-12
- Stadium Limited Bag Policy
- Limited Bag Policy at district events





### **Metal Detectors/Weapons Detectors**

 Students and guests subject to checks at campuses and large district events







### **Locked Doors**

- Campuses subject to audit by Texas School Safety Center/Region 1 and TEA audits
- Weekly exterior door sweeps
- All classroom doors are locked during instructional time (UISD policy and not required by State)
- Region 1 Intruder Detection Audits (IDA) ongoing
- TEA District Vulnerability Audit (DVA) conducted 10/21 - 10/25





### **Report A Threat Tipline**

- Internal, anonymous online threat reporting tip line reporting system found on district website





### Laredo Behavior Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM)

- Laredo BTAM ensures information regarding threats is shared with law enforcement, UISD, and UISD PD



### **Campus Behavior Threat Assessment Teams**

- Pending LPC to monitor Campus Behavior Threat Assessment Teams
- Each campus has a trained team to evaluate and manage threats to the district
- Members must complete 8 hour Texas School Safety Center training





### **Staff Mental Wellness Program**

 Collaboration with PILLAR to provide Mental Wellness sessions to staff





### **Standard Response Protocols**

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on the response to any given situation not on individual scenarios. A uniform, planned, and practiced response to any incident is the foundation of a safe school.By standardizing the vocabulary, all stakeholders can understand the response and status of the event.

### IN AN EMERGENCY **TAKE ACTION**



#### HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls. STUDENTS ADULTS Clear the hallways and remain in room or Close and lock door

area until the "All Clear" is announced Do business as usual

#### Account for students and adults Do business as usual

#### SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors. STUDENTS ADULTS

Return to inside of building Do business as usual

Maintain silence

Do not open the door

Bring everyone indoors Lock outside doors Increase situational awareness Account for students and adults Do business as usual



#### LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight. STUDENTS ADULTS Move away from sight

Recover students from hallway if possible Lock the classroom door Turn out the lights Move away from sight Maintain silence Do not open the door Prepare to evade or defend



#### EVACUATE! (A location may be specified) ADULTS

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Leave stuff behind if required to If possible, bring your phone Follow instructions

Lead students to Evacuation location Account for students and adults Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults



#### STUDENTS Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard Safety Strategy Tornado Evacuate to shelter area Hazmat Seal the room Earthquake Drop, cover and hold Tsunami Get to high ground

Lead safety strategy Account for students and adults Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults



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### **Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)**

- Sentinel houses EOP and tracks required drills, door logs, and campus maps

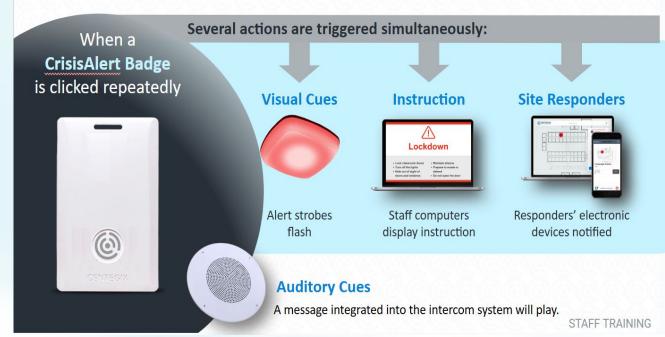


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## LOCKDOWN VIA A BADGE

### Crisis Alert Badge All staff members able to place any District facility into Lockdown



### **Communication Methods**

- Parent Square mass notification systems to communicate with parents/guardians by phone, text, email, or app
- Social media & websites





### **Flock Safety Raven**

- Rapid Response Tool partnership with Laredo Police Department



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## Training

- Standard Response Protocols (SRP)
- Standard Reunification Method (SRM)
- Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management
- Youth Suicide: Awareness, Prevention, and Postvention
- AED (Automated External Defibrillators)
- Medication Administration: Epinephrine Auto-Injectors
- Child Abuse: Mandatory Reporting
- FERPA: Confidentiality of Records
- Human Trafficking Awareness
- Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Prevention
- Health Emergencies: Seizures
- Dating Violence: Identification and Prevention
- FBI Regional Crisis Negotiations Course
- DPS School Safety Training





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