

Detroit Public Schools Police Department Frequently Asked Questions

Q 1: Will the school district have “in school” security officers this school year?

A 1: Yes. All high schools and all K-8 DPS schools will have security officers assigned.

Q 2: Can I contact DPS Police if there is a problem or issue at my child’s school related to safety and security?

A 2: Yes. You may contact the DPS Police Department at **(313) 748-6000**. This number is staffed 24 hours a day each day of the year.

Q 3: Will the security officers be DPS employees or out sourced?

A 3: DPS-PD will be providing “in school” security utilizing an out sourced Security Company identified as “**Securitas**”. Our students will continue to have high quality security coverage in DPS schools.

Q 4: Will the Securitas officers be well trained?

A 4: Yes. All Securitas officers will receive standardized and required training before they are allowed deployment in DPS schools.

Q 5: What will be the security strategy to ensure students are safe once they enter the school building?

A 5: Everyone entering our school buildings will be screened through metal detectors in those buildings with security personnel assigned. All visitors will be issued visitor identification passes. Since October 2010, visitors at all high schools and some K-8s have been required to produce picture identification and or other forms of identification including a date of birth. This information will be searched against existing data bases including a sex offender data base. Entry will be denied if there is a “no entry” indicator. If the visitor does not possess valid identification, security personnel along with building

management will determine if the individual(s) may be allowed access in their building under escort.

Q 6: Will my school have a metal detector?

A 6: DPS-PD will provide metal detectors to all schools that have security personnel assigned.

Q 7: How will building entrances where security personnel and metal detectors are not present be monitored?

A 7: We will employ the use of updated camera systems to electronically monitor doors that are not covered by security personnel.

Q 8: Will DPS participate in the Safe Passages program as it has in previous years in order to provide a visible law enforcement presence on routes my child travels during commutes to and from school?

A 8: Yes. The DPS-PD is a partner with other local, state and federal law enforcement organizations and will participate in the Safe Passages program for the entire school year. Manpower resources will be most visible during the first month of school in areas identified as “hot spots” or problem areas for our students commuting to and from school.

Q 9: Will school grounds be monitored at dismissal?

A 9: Yes. Personnel will ensure that students are directed away from school grounds in a safe and orderly manner.

Q 10: If my child is not picked up from school, where will he/she be taken?

A 10: Students who are not picked up from school by 5:00 PM will be taken to one of two “Safety Net Centers” located at the East Side and West Side Bus Terminals. The **East Side Safety Net Center** is located at 10205 Mack Ave, Detroit 48214-2100, telephone number **(313) 866-6300**. The **West Side Safety Net Center** is located at 8145 Greenfield, Detroit 48228-2220, telephone number **(313) 945-8716**. The DPS-PD will be notified and steps will be taken to contact the student’s parent/guardian for safe pickup.

Q 11: Is there a safety plan that parents can have access to?

A 11: Yes. Principals are required to have documented safety plans for their buildings. You should contact your child's principal for a copy of the safety plan.