

CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORT CARD REVIEW

# BY ALEXANDRIA CITY HIGH SCHOOL

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# **TOPIC**

I want more security so that all young people feel safe at home school and in the community.

#### CYCP GOAL

All Children, Youth, and Families will have Positive Experiences

#### RESULT

All young people feel safe at home, at school and in their community

# **SUCCESS STORY**

Regent University is one the schools that have better security. This is attributed to a variety of factors, including 24/7 police patrols, multiple emergency notification systems, and a dedicated safety team.

#### **SIGNIFICANCE**

School safety and security are important because they help everyone feel safe, calm, and be able to learn. When students and teachers don't have to worry about violence or emergencies. Feeling safe also makes students want to come to school.

#### HOW ARE WE DOING?

ACPS has been working on a few things related to security at Alexandria City High School. They've been focusing on improving communication and collaboration between school staff, students, and families to create a safer environment.

# STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

- 1. More serious security
- 2. Being able to exit through all doors on emergencies
- 3. More accurate metal detectors
- 4. Make classrooms glass walls bulletproof
- 5. Create inclusive culture.

#### **CHAMPION**

Alexandria Police
Department

# **PARTNERS**

- ACPS partners with:
  - the Alexandria Police Department for school resource officers and security planning.
  - Mental Health agencies to support students well being and address potential issues.
- Community organizations and parent groups also play a role in safety initiatives.

# WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

- ACPS has been working on enhancing security measures by upgrading security technology like cameras and access control systems.
- They've also been providing training for staff and students on safety protocols and emergency procedures

# **HOW MUCH HAS BEEN DONE?**

ACPS has made progress in enhancing security through technology upgrades, staff training, and partnerships

# **HOW WELL WAS IT DONE?**

ACPS has upgraded technology, trained staff, and built partnerships; they're definitely moving in the right direction

# WHAT HAVE BEEN THE EFFECTS SO FAR?

- Security tech cameras and door access systems have increased security
- Increased security personnel, more police, and the metals detectors have help a lot
- Updated security protocols, and enhanced monitoring and the consequences.

# WHAT ARE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

ACPS is looking into expanding mental health resources for students and staff, enhancing cybersecurity measures to protect student data, and continuing to improve communication systems for emergencies. These plans aim to create a more supportive and secure environment for everyone

# WHERE CAN PEOPLE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR TOPIC?

To find out more about ACPS security, you could try searching the Alexandria City Public Schools website for their safety and security policies or checking out school board meeting minutes where security measures are discussed. You could also reach out to the ACPS communications office or attend a community forum on school safety to ask questions directly.