

Recommended Strategies from ACHS Students to Strengthen Partnerships for Student Safety

Engage families and community partners in school safety and violence prevention

Students recommended involving parents and caregivers in safety planning, feedback, and support for student behavior, while partnering with PTAs, ACPS leadership, police and School Resource Officers, mental health providers, City agencies, and community organizations. Proposed roles included hosting family and student safety workshops; providing after-school programs, adult mentoring, and positive activities; training staff and student leaders to recognize and respond to crises; expanding trauma-informed and mental health support; and coordinating resources, funding, and violence-prevention efforts across schools and the broader community. Students specifically identified the Alexandria Police Department, RAISE, Mental Health America, Hazel Health, Casa Chirilagua, Safe Space NOVA, City government, and other local partners.



"Work more with police, nonprofits, and families to improve behavior and school climate."

~ Fatima Mishaal, 2025

"Include student and family input in [the] program.

~ Mahlet Melke, 2026



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