

KIMBERLY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Back-to-School Safety & Security | 2026-2027

As we prepare to welcome students back for the 2026-2027 school year, Kimberly School District would like to share important information about our continued approach to school safety and security.

School safety is not one program, one person, or one procedure. It is a layered approach that includes prevention, preparation, communication, physical security, trained staff, and strong partnerships with families and local emergency responders.

Keeping Our Schools Secure

Throughout KSD, safety measures include **controlled entry points, surveillance cameras, security lighting, visitor procedures, and other building-specific security measures.**

Staff also train regularly on crisis response procedures, including **Run, Barricade, and Fight**, and we continually evaluate our facilities, procedures, and training to strengthen safety throughout the District.

Partnership with Law Enforcement

KSD works closely with the **Kimberly-Hansen Police Department** and has a **dedicated School Resource Officer (SRO)** serving our schools.

Our SRO provides an important connection between our schools and local law enforcement while supporting safety planning, training, response, and relationships with students and staff. This partnership allows the District and law enforcement to **communicate, prepare, and respond collaboratively** when safety concerns arise.

Policy 9450: Trained Staff

Another layer of our safety plan is **Policy 9450**, which allows specifically selected and trained staff members to carry a firearm while performing their duties.

Participation requires significant preparation, including physical and psychological assessments, firearm qualifications, and initial and ongoing training as outlined in District policy and the District's Safety Plan. Certain initial training requirements may be waived by the Board based on qualifications, experience, or law enforcement status.

For safety and security purposes, **the identities of participating staff members and specific program information are kept confidential.**

We appreciate the employees who have voluntarily taken on this additional responsibility and the commitment to training and preparedness that comes with it.

For additional information: [View KSD Policy 9450 - Firearm](#)

Communication During an Emergency

We know families want information as quickly as possible during an emergency.

Our first priority will always be to **protect students and staff, assess the situation, and work with emergency responders.** Families will receive information through official KSD communication channels as soon as accurate information can safely be shared.

There may be times when we do not yet have all of the information families are looking for. Details can change quickly during an active situation, and some information may not be immediately available or appropriate to release. Please know that **updates will be shared as soon as we are able and have accurate information to provide.**

During an emergency, please rely on **official KSD text and email communications** rather than social media or unofficial sources.

Keep Your Contact Information Current

Please make sure **your phone number and email address are current in your student's school records**. Accurate information helps ensure you receive important District notifications when they matter most.

If your information has changed, please contact your child's school office.

See Something, Say Something

Students, families, staff, and community members all play an important role in school safety.

Please encourage your children to report concerning comments, behaviors, social media posts, threats, or **anything that simply does not seem right**.

We would rather receive a report and determine everything is okay than have someone remain silent.

Safety concerns should be reported directly to a **school counselor, building administrator, or the District Office** so they can be appropriately evaluated and addressed.

For an immediate emergency, always call 911.

Safety Is a Shared Commitment

No single safety measure can prevent every situation. That is why KSD focuses on **multiple layers of prevention, preparedness, response, and communication**.

The safety of our students and staff remains one of our highest priorities. We appreciate our employees, families, law enforcement, emergency responders, and community partners who work alongside us in that effort.

Thank you for your continued trust, communication, and partnership as we work together to provide a safe and supportive environment for our students and staff.

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