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Agua Fria High School District Puts Student Safety First

(AVONDALE, Ariz. - October 10, 2024) At Agua Fria High School District, safety and security are not just priorities—they are the foundation on which student success is built. Without a safe environment, both physically and emotionally, students cannot achieve their full potential. That's why the District remains committed to creating safe and secure campuses where students can focus on academics, personal growth, and preparing for their futures.

All five of our high schools – Agua Fria, Canyon View, Desert Edge, Millennium, and Verrado – have taken significant steps to strengthen the security on each campus. Collaborating with [Safe Haven Defense](#), ballistic window film has been installed in strategic locations. Safety golf carts have also been added to enhance mobility and response across all campuses. The District has installed perimeter fencing, increased security personnel, expanded camera systems, maintained weapons detectors, and continued rigorous training for campus safety teams. The safety and security team has completed 43 training sessions since summer 2024 and continues to train and prepare for all possible situations. The safety and security team's training efforts have been comprehensive, with sessions covering various critical topics. To highlight a few:

- Mental health in youth
- Social media and cyber safety
- Ethics for SROs
- Crime Prevention
- Violence and Victimization: Challenges to Development
- K-12 Tactical Defense training
- Emergency operations
- Threat assessment and prevention
- Crisis prevention and management

"The District's comprehensive approach to creating a safe environment on our campuses is essential for student success," said Governing Board Vice President Kristen Acton. "From security upgrades to ongoing staff training, the District remains committed to protecting every member of the school community. This effort is a collective one, made possible by the dedication of the safety teams, teachers, staff, parents, and community."

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Agua Fria Union High School District was established in 1955. Today, the district serves the communities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, with six high schools: Agua Fria, Canyon View, Desert Edge, Millennium, Verrado and Agua Fria Online. Plus the District offers two alternative programs: Coldwater Academy and New Directions. More information can be found at aguafria.org

