



School Safety Initiatives

Cayuga ISD strives to provide a safe environment for your children and our employees. The district continuously evaluates and implements safety measures to enhance security.

- In 2022, the CISD school board approved the implementation of the Guardian program. This enables our educators to be trained and evaluated to carry concealed firearms on school facilities. Guardians receive extensive training alongside local law enforcement, with the goal of denying an intruder entry into a classroom or school facility.
- CISD has upgraded and improved the entrances to the main offices at every school to enhance safety. Outside visitors do not have access to the main school building before being identified and buzzed through one locked door.
- CISD uses the Standard Response Protocol (SRP), based on four actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate and Shelter. SRP provides a common language for both schools and local law enforcement agencies.
- The Raptor System is used at all schools. All visitors must sign in at the office and present a photo ID. The system runs the ID through the national sex offender databases, and it alerts school staff of potential threats. This system also enables our staff to ensure that all visitors are accounted for in the event of a crisis.
- All visitors are required to provide a photo ID in the form of a Driver's License, Passport, Resident Alien ID or Military ID. Each visitor will receive a visitor badge that must be worn at all times. Visitors will turn in their badges in the office upon departure and receive their ID. IDs will be taken at every event during the school day so please ensure that you plan ahead to arrive at the school early for the event.
- All staff attend annual safety training in Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and Avoid Deny Defend (ADD).
- Students and staff participate in drills (lockdown, tornado, fire, etc.) throughout the school year.
- CISD upgraded the camera system district-wide and added additional cameras.
- CISD police officers attend Active Shooter Training.
- CISD utilizes a one-touch system that enables employees to alert all staff of an emergency.
- CISD has an interlocal agreement to use Texas Department of Criminal Justice canines to conduct searches on our secondary campuses. These searches are conducted randomly throughout the year for the presence of gun powder residue, tobacco and narcotics.