LA PORTE ISD





STUDENT SUCCESS IS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY



Our

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

- LPISD currently has La Porte Police Department officers assigned as School Resource Officers (SROs) to our schools through an agreement with the City of La Porte. SROs are licensed peace officers with the LP Police Department who are specifically trained to work in schools and work full time during the school year. A new agreement with the City of La Porte will expand the number of SROs in the future.
- The district employs campus security officers who work at the high school and junior high campuses.
- La Porte Police Officers provide traffic direction and control at designated campuses based on need. Their presence at the start and end of school is also a deterrent to unwanted visitors.
- Criminal history background checks are conducted on all applicants prior to employment as well as all volunteers at campus and district buildings. All contractors who work on district property must also undergo a comprehensive criminal history check.

TRAINING

- District and Campus Administrators, counselors, nurses and campus security officers are required to complete the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training as recommended by the U.S. Department of Education.
- All LPISD school buses are equipped with security cameras and all bus drivers undergo safety and security training including emergency evacuation procedures.
- LPISD has an extensive internal Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that provides general guidance for emergency management activities.
- All campuses must conduct state and district mandated emergency drills frequently. Mandated lockdown, lockout and shelter in place drills are held to prepare for severe weather, hazardous materials and medical emergencies.
- The LPISD District Safety Committee is comprised of a broad representation of the district including campus administrators of all levels, representatives from the various district leadership and support groups, as well as representatives of the operations leadership group. The City of La Porte emergency first responders are also represented. The committee meets regularly to discuss district-wide safety and security issues and make recommendations to the Superintendent's cabinet for consideration of continued improvements or new initiatives.

MONITORING and ACCESS

- LPISD employs security monitoring on 1,100-plus digital video surveillance cameras and other below described security systems.
- Exterior entry doors on campuses and support facilities are equipped with an electronic access control system. All doors can be locked or unlocked from a centralized location, and with proxy cards issued to police officers, providing law enforcement first responders immediate access to any campus in an emergency situation.
- Exterior doors with card access are equipped with electronic door contacts that can be monitored by the access control system. The system sends alerts to the campus safety teams when a door has been forced open or has been open too long.
- All campuses are equipped with intrusion alarm systems monitored by the district's operations department and local authorities.
- LPISD campuses are equipped with a video intercom system. Visitors are pre-screened prior to being granted access to security vestibule for further screening.
- All campuses are equipped with security vestibules to further limit access into schools.
- Each elementary school has perimeter fencing on certain child play areas restricting access during school hours.
- Every LPISD campus currently utilizes the Raptor Visitor Management System. All visitors who enter a campus must have their identification scanned into the system which conducts a sex offender registry check on the individual visitor.
- All LPISD students grades K-12 are Issued ID badges.
- All LPISD staff are required to wear their district issued ID badges while on district property.

RESOURCES

- Anonymous Alerts reporting system allows students to anonymously report potential concerns, threats or bullying.
- District "Detect" software scans social media for potential violence and sends alert to the district safety team.
- LPISD currently contracts the service of specialized detection canine services to conduct unscheduled drug and weapon sweeps at secondary campuses on a regular basis.