

STUDENT SAFETY

The safety of students in CCISD is a top priority. The following actions have been taken to protect our students and ensure school violence prevention:

- An independent police department, consisting of 3 full-time officers and 1 half-time officer, that works closely with the Port Lavaca Police Department and the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office
- 1 Truancy officer who works closely with the CCISD Police Department
- Picture identification tags for faculty, staff, and students
- Keyless school ID card entries and exterior fencing
- Driver's License scanners for picture identity of campus visitors and digital visitors' passes
- Surveillance cameras and communication radios on all campuses with weekly maintenance checks
- District Safety Committee for identification of campus needs
- Faculty and staff training on Mental Health Awareness, Threat Assessment, and Emergency Operations Plan
- Drug-testing policy
- School-wide Character Education for students
- Counseling resources on various topics including respect, student leadership, positive self-concepts, heroes, dating violence, child abuse, and drug/alcohol abuse
- Red Ribbon Week activities for drug prevention
- Anti-bullying campus campaigns, including prevention and reporting procedures
- Prevention programs on fire safety, bus safety, science lab safety, monthly fire drills, and lockdown procedures
- Safety tips for students on daily announcements and wall displays
- Motivational speakers inspiring students to make good choices at school, at home, and in the community
- The Harbor Children's Alliance and Victim Center and Mid-Coast Family Service student presentations
- Visible hall monitors on campuses for student supervision
- Campus mail-outs to parents/guardians for verification of current addresses
- School Messenger, Classroom Remind, and social media platforms for effective communication with families and communities

Pursuant to the requirements of the United States Department of Education, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 8532, requires any state that receives ESSA grant funds to establish a statewide policy concerning unsafe schools; this policy is the Unsafe School Choice Option (USCO). The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has developed a definition and methodology for identification of campuses required to implement the Unsafe School Choice Option. A campus will be identified as a persistently dangerous school and required to implement USCO if the number of mandatory expellable incidents per year equal to 1% or more of its enrollment in each of the three most recent consecutive years for which data are available. No CCISD campus met the definition of a Persistently Dangerous School; thus, the district is not required to implement the Unsafe School Choice Option.