

# Staying Safe - School Safety Response Training

## *MISD Curriculum for Safety and Security*

### Overview

We are excited to announce a training opportunity aimed at enhancing the safety and security of our school community. The Texas School Safety Center, in collaboration with Safe and Sound Schools and Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT), has developed a comprehensive curriculum tailored to equip both students and staff with age-appropriate strategies for responding to active events.

### Summary

<b>Date</b>	October 14, 2024
<b>Key Information</b>	<p><b>Training Opportunity:</b> Focused on enhancing safety and security in the school community.</p> <p><b>Collaboration:</b> Involves the Texas School Safety Center, Safe and Sound Schools, and ALERRT.</p> <p><b>Curriculum:</b> A comprehensive program designed to provide students and staff with age-appropriate strategies for responding to active events.</p>
<b>Constraints</b>	<p><b>Awareness:</b> Ensuring that all students and staff are aware of the training opportunity and how MISD will roll it out.</p> <p><b>Participation:</b> Potential resistance or apathy towards participating in safety training given it is such a sensitive conversation.</p> <p><b>Scheduling:</b> Finding time within the school calendar for the training sessions will become mandatory. We can't teach a child who doesn't feel safe.</p> <p><b>Opt-Out Policy:</b> If parents are not comfortable with the program, they have the option to opt their child out. In this case, students will be provided with an alternative assignment.</p>
<b>Next Steps</b>	<p><b>Inform the School Community:</b> Communicate details about the training opportunity to students, staff, and parents.</p> <p><b>Schedule Training Sessions:</b> Coordinate with all campuses to set up training dates and plan for roll out to students.</p> <p><b>Gather Feedback:</b> Assess any concerns regarding the training format and content.</p>
<b>Support Needed</b>	<p><b>Administrative Support:</b> For scheduling and logistics.</p> <p><b>Communication:</b> Making sure all stake holders are informed.</p> <p><b>Engagement Strategies:</b> Ideas to motivate participation and emphasize the importance of the training.</p>

### Relevant Resources

[Staying Safe: School Safety Response Training](#)

[Safe and Sound Schools](#)

[Teacher's Toolkit of Learning Activities](#)

Refer all questions to:

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***If you would like your child to opt out of this program, please contact your campus principal as soon as possible. They will provide you with instructions on how to proceed. If we do not receive your response by October 14, 2024, we will consider your implied consent. However, if you are not satisfied with the lessons at any time, you may opt your child out.***