A safe school is one that has a positive and welcoming school climate, free of drugs, violence, intimidation, and fear—an environment strongly supported by the community, where teachers can teach and students can learn.

A SAFE SCHOOL has the following characteristics:
⇒ High academic standards
⇒ Clear rules and policies that are fairly enforced
⇒ High levels of parent involvement
⇒ Effective community school partnerships
⇒ Extended-day and after-school programs
⇒ Good citizenship and character

A safe school is NOT one that focuses primarily on target hardening, such as metal detectors and surveillance cameras. These schools will become more like jails and will not be effective learning environments. Hardware may be necessary for the short term to gain control, but no research shows that it creates safer schools.

A safe school requires balancing physical security with a positive, nurturing and safe social climate, as well as developing effective community-school partnerships.

What is a Safe School?

The Safe Communities ~ Safe Schools Initiative is underway

20 sites will be selected in March 2000 to receive in-depth training for safe school planning and developing community-school partnerships

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