

Atlantic High School's Security Certification Process

Atlantic High School, in conjunction with Volusia County Schools, has developed a security plan that while unique to Atlantic High encompasses all of the standards required by the district. Each year we are audited by the district to ensure that our procedures are as good as they can possibly be in order to provide a safe environment for our students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Our manual is divided into eight major sections containing a total of over 70 standards dealing with everything from traffic patterns to emergency drills to student services and more. We teach our students, faculty and staff the procedures to respond properly to almost every situation imaginable and we are proud to say that past security audits have shown that Atlantic High School SHARKS do well when tested.

Occasionally you may come on campus and we are in the middle of a drill. We realize that this can create a situation where we can not respond to your needs as quickly as possible. While these situations are rare, they can be frustrating. Please understand that the drills are mandated [two fire drills within the first two weeks of school and one each month thereafter, as well as one each of the Severe Weather, Bomb Threat, Lock Down, and HAZMAT drills within the first month of school. Whew! That's a lot of drills, but experience has shown that what is practiced is done, and we want everyone to know what to do should we ever face a real emergency situation.

Should we ever have to evacuate our campus (due to tornado damage, a HAZMAT incident, etc.) we have made arrangements with Mainland High School to serve as our evacuation site. They have the facility to meet the needs of all of our students. If we should have to meet with parents off campus, we have made

arrangements with the Port Orange Presbyterian Church [4662 S. Clyde Morris Blvd.] to use their facility.

Our security plan at Atlantic High School is a living document. That means we are always looking for ways to make it better. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please contact Mr. Zablo at 322-5100 Extension 38227.