



FCPS Audit Report: 26-1002 – School and Office Safety

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Office of Auditor General (OAG) conducted a performance audit of School and Office Safety in accordance with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 audit plan approved by the Fairfax County School Board.

Per Policy 2110 *Student Safety*, principals and teachers shall be responsible for providing a reasonably safe environment for students enrolled in their schools during the time students are authorized to be on the school premises. The Office of Safety and Security (OSS) is responsible for the design of the layered security strategy at Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), which consists of the various systems and processes that are implemented across schools and offices to prevent, protect, mitigate, and respond to threats, and the management of a response to a crisis event. The Office of Intervention and Prevention Services (IPS) is responsible for the risk assessment process which aims to identify early warning signs of potential violence and proactively align students with appropriate interventions and support to prevent the escalation of behaviors that may lead to violence and providing care and support for students and staff members affected by a crisis event. The Office of Communications (OC) is responsible for managing the various communications systems used to notify parents, staff, students, and community members of serious and unusual incidents that affect schools.

The audit scope period included safety and security-related processes implemented through school year 2025-26 (SY26). OAG incorporated data and existing procedures from school year 2024-25 (SY25). The objectives of this audit included the following:

- Evaluate FCPS safety and security requirements, including ongoing risk assessments, monitoring, communication, training, and testing, particularly to ensure an appropriate response in the safety events, such as an active shooter scenario.
- Evaluate whether FCPS sites have adequate building security measures and access controls.
- Evaluate select sample contracts and review their compliance and accountability, including evaluating vendor compliance with contract terms and conditions.

In accordance with Code of Virginia § 2.2-3705.2(4) Exclusions to application of chapter; records relating to public safety, “information concerning security plans and specific assessment components of school safety audits, as provided in § 22.1-279.8, is excluded from the mandatory disclosure provisions of this chapter but may be disclosed by the custodian in his discretion, except where such disclosure is prohibited by law.”

With the above Code of Virginia Section, the results of this audit will not be shared publicly.