

School Security Fact Sheet

New Florida law requires an armed, trained first responder at every public school starting in the 2018-19 school year.

High Schools and Middle Schools will be served by a





School Resource Deputy or Officer from Hillsborough Co. Sheriff's Office or Tampa Police Department Elementary Schools and Other Sites will be served by a



Sheriff Trained
School Security Officer
from Hillsborough Co. Public Schools

School Security Officers from Hillsborough Co. Public Schools

- Team established in 1969
- Currently 119 officers and supervisors
- More than 2/3 current or former law enforcement
- More than 1/3 current or former military
- Led by former Tampa
 Police Department
 second-in-command

- Receive law enforcement-level training in active shooter response, crisis intervention, defensive tactics, firearms, and more
- Complete criminal background check, driver's license check, drug testing, psychological evaluation, and more
- 24-hour communications center

Proven Security that is Financially Sound

The state increased our district's security funding by approximately \$6m; to cover every elementary school and additional sites, expanding our School Security force by 145 officers and supervisors:

- Will cost an estimated \$7m in the first year (including equipment)
- Will cost an estimated \$5.3m in the following years