



# Our Mission and Vision

Our mission is to empower faculty and staff with the knowledge, tactics, and philosophies necessary to protect and defend innocent lives and minimize mass casualties in the event of an intruder, active killer, or other terror attack.



We expect every school to have enhanced security and planning for the worst-case scenario. We expect schools to train and prepare for an intruder or active killer, as one would do for fires, natural disasters and other critical incidents.

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*Preparing today for a safer tomorrow*

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# Active Threat Response Program for Schools

Intruders and active threats are not welcome on school grounds. Learn how Guardian Defense provides your school with a complete and comprehensive program that ensures all children, teachers and staff are prepared for the worst.





## What is the Active Threat Response Program for Schools?

The Active Threat Response Program for Schools is designed to give teachers and staff the confidence needed in order to protect and defend the students for whom they are responsible; in the event of an intruder, active killer, or other terror attack. This Program transforms the way schools view and respond to threats; and gives them the tools needed to develop detailed procedures for the campus staff. There are two options for the Active Threat Response Program:

- **Full Scale Active Threat Response Program for Schools** (an in-depth 6-month program that will revolutionize how administrators, staff and students respond to, and plan for, an active threat on campus)
- **Active Threat Response Training for Staff** (1-day interactive, all-staff training on how to respond to a threat on campus)



*"...We learned so many practical tips that will enable us to secure our campus and protect our students much more effectively. The staff now feel much more empowered and equipped to handle an intruder situation. Our principal and several teachers said this was by far the best staff training we've ever had..."*

*—Cheryl Burdin, Headmaster at Spanish River Christian School*

*"[The Program] was a fantastic training experience for our faculty and staff. We received essential training necessary to prepare us for the possible emergency. This is an opportunity that every school staff should have."*

*—Principal at a Private K-12 School*

To date, thousands of employees and administrators from various types of schools have participated in the Active Threat Response Programs:

- **K-12 Schools**
- **Pre-Schools and Daycares**
- **Public and Private Schools**
- **Non-Profit Agencies**
- **Religious Schools**

*"What I like most about the 'Lecture' was the step by step approach to teaching that made me feel secure."*

*—Teacher at a Private K-12 School*

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