



San Diego Unified School District

Fact Sheet

San Diego Unified School District Police School Watch Program

The safety and security of San Diego Unified schools is a priority throughout the district. Police Services designed an innovative community-based crime prevention awareness program to reduce burglary, graffiti, vandalism, theft, and arson, entitled *School Watch Program*. *School Watch* encourages school communities, adults, children, and business partners to watch for anything out-of-the-ordinary or suspicious during regularly open, after-hours or closed sessions at the school site.

Annually, the district pays more than a million dollars, which the voluntary *School Watch Program* can help to reduce. Through concentrated efforts from school communities, they can help to make schools safer and help to prevent crimes.

Beginning in September 2004, Police Services will initiate the *School Watch Program* at Serra High School. It is designed to engage neighborhoods to be the eyes and ears that protect our schools. A pilot program is in the initial phases of implementation at Serra High School community.

This fall, SDCS Police Officers will go door-to-door soliciting neighborhood volunteers and explaining their new program. Residents are requested to alter their schedules when watering their lawns, washing their cars, running errands, etc. so that they can watch for any criminal behavior during or after school hours.

Some types of suspicious behavior include loitering, unusual noises such as breaking glass windows, fighting/screaming, persons running away from the school area, graffiti, hanging on basketball hoops, tearing down school signs, destroying landscaping, etc.

Neighbors do NOT have to give their name to report ANY suspicious behavior. All calls will be confidential and the caller's identification will not be shared.

To report any suspicious behavior, call School Police at **(619) 291-7678**.

SUMMARY

- ❖ Agree to help protect your neighborhood school
- ❖ Be the eyes and ears of your school
- ❖ Annually, the district pays more than \$1 million in damage for our schools
- ❖ Some types of behavior to watch for:
 - ❖ Loitering
 - ❖ Unusual noises such as breaking glass, fighting, screaming
 - ❖ Anyone running away from the school, especially if they are carrying object(s)
 - ❖ Graffiti
 - ❖ Hanging on basketball hoops
 - ❖ Tearing down school signs
 - ❖ Destroying landscaping
- ❖ All calls are anonymous and confidential
- ❖ Dial **(619) 291-7678** to report ANY suspicious behavior

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