

## Creating Safe Schools

## EXAMINING STUDENT PERCEPTIONS OF THEIR PHYSICAL SAFETY AT SCHOOL

Safety is essential to student well-being and success. Students who feel unsafe at school—both physically and psychologically—cannot learn to their fullest potential. A new study based on survey data from a group of ACT-tested 10th- through 12th-grade students showed that:

## Although students reported feeling...

Safe traveling between home and school

97%

**2.** Safe at school

91%

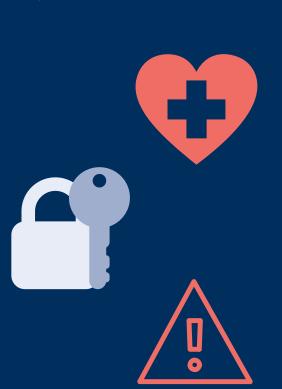
**3.** Welcome at school

90%

Students also reported that concerns about school safety negatively impact their ability to learn

23%





84%

reported cameras inside their school

71%

reported cameras outside their school

44%

reported their school provides mental health services for students who need them

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reported their school is locked during school hours, has security staff, or has explained an emergency plan

Of all the questions students were asked, providing/increasing mental health services (38%) for students who need them was most commonly noted as something that would increase feelings of safety. Other frequent responses were to hire/increase security staff (36%) and for the school to develop/clarify an emergency plan (30%).