

Pickens Technical College takes the health and safety of our staff, students, and guests very seriously. We utilize both district and school policies and training materials to ensure that everyone knows and understands safety, security, and health protocols.

The **district policy** relating to safe schools is linked below:

<http://aurorak12.org/pol-reg/SectionA/add.pdf>

The **district policy** relating to school wellness is linked below:

<http://aurorak12.org/pol-reg/SectionA/adf.pdf>

The security and safety information, personnel and contact information for the **district** is linked below:

<https://security.aurorak12.org/>

A video released by the district detailing the revamped safety and security efforts that make up APS CARES, an initiative created by the district is linked below:

<https://youtu.be/owrzEgvtsYU>

The effort to increase safety and wellness was endorsed and supported by the citizens of Aurora as well, as evidenced by the passage of the mill levy override in 2018. More information about the mill levy override is linked below.

<https://aurorak12.org/about-aps/mill-levy/>

As part of our student orientation here at Pickens, students are asked to watch the following video that explains some of our safety protocols and procedures:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpsGKNiVuYw>

As part of our safety plan at Pickens, we have procedures for reporting and investigating accidents.

The following form is the district policy for all employees regarding how to report accidents that occur

at the workplace: <https://aurorak12.org/pol-reg/SectionE/ebbb.pdf>

The following policy contains additional information about health and safety for staff, including procedures for health screenings both before and after employment:

<http://aurorak12.org/pol-reg/SectionG/gbga.pdf>

As an Institution of Higher Learning receiving Title 4 funding, we are required by the Clery Act to annually report a number of statistics regarding the safety of our campus. We take this requirement seriously and have sent a total of six individuals to various campus safety and Clery reporting training conferences in the last year. Trained individuals include administrators, our campus monitor, our nurse, and one of the security officers for our district. Based on what we have learned at these trainings, we have made adjustments to a number of our security protocols, including the development and implementation of a daily crime log, adjustments

around our reporting procedures, and the continuation of work on implementing an early warning and emergency notification system and protocol for our staff and students.

Here is the Pickens 2019 Clery report, which contains information regarding the 2018 calendar year:

[2018 Clery Report](#)

The Pickens Technical College Health, Safety, and Security plan can be found on our website and is also posted in each classroom along with the emergency procedures.