

# CAMPUS SAFETY



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BEREAN BAPTIST ACADEMY  
FAYETTEVILLE, NC

**CITIZENSHIP. SCHOLARSHIP. LEADERSHIP.**

## NEW INITIATIVE



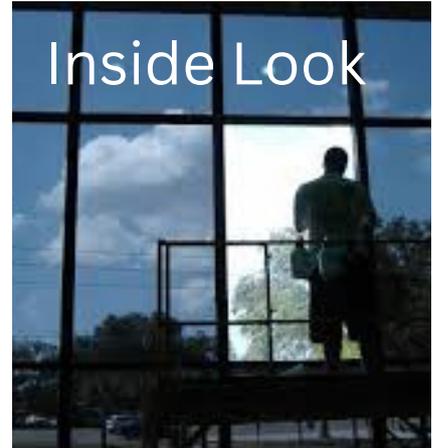
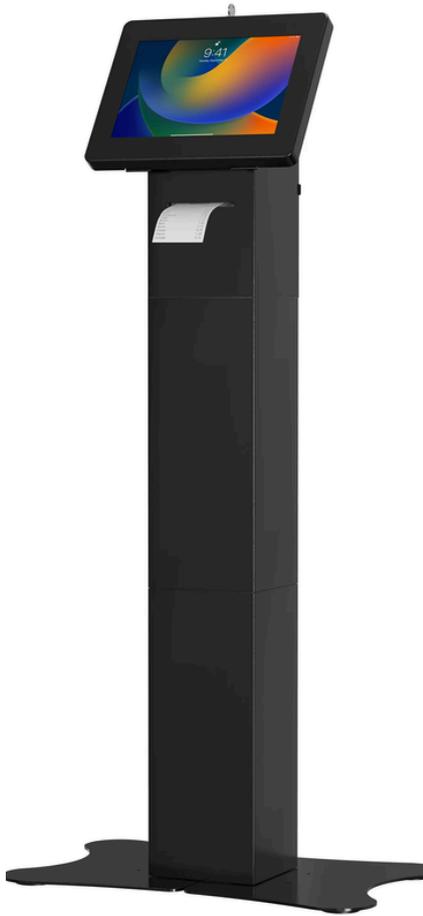
School safety is an unfortunate need in today's society and is often voiced as one of the top reasons why families choose Berean Baptist Academy. Safety is also considered one of the most essential elements that students need to succeed in school, and Academy leadership typically selects one or two security initiatives to implement each year to continue improving school safety as part of our commitment to provide safe learning environments. Two previous security initiatives include VixiPlex emergency speaker systems on campus and the

equipping of staff and faculty with digital radios. Both of these systems are used frequently, not only to increase our ability to communicate on campus but also to conduct emergency safety drills on a regular basis.

Several months ago, the school was presented with a security application called Active Defender which provides several safety features that expand our ability to provide a safe learning and working environment for both staff and students. (cont. on pg. 3)

## **SECURITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are currently needing 2-3 more volunteers for the Guardian Campus Security Program. If you are interested, please contact Officer Grady ([tracy.grady@bbafnc.org](mailto:tracy.grady@bbafnc.org)).



## COMING SECURITY ADDITIONS **BOOSTERTHON**

Thanks to the efforts of our families during Boosterthon, the Academy is in the process of installing these additional security items to the campus within the next few weeks.

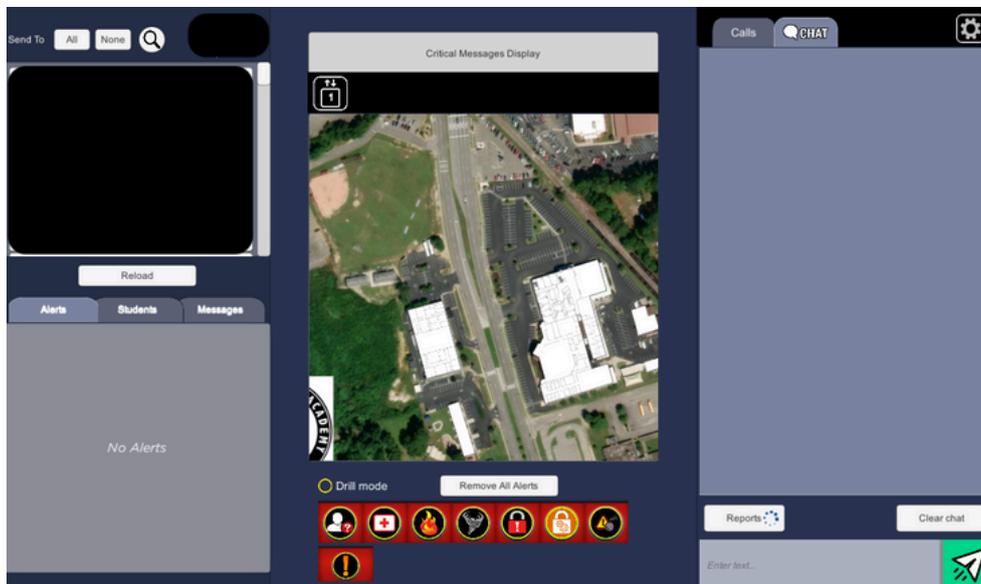
### **1. Raptor self check-in security stations.**

Although the school has used Raptor as its visitor software for several years, using self check-in stations will make this process easier for those visiting campus, including tours, visitors, contractors, and

vendors. One will also have the ability to check in while off campus and scan their QR code for a badge once on campus.

### **2. Upper School Lobby Clear Armor Shading**

Because the Upper School building faces Glensford Drive, shading the interior lobby doors with one-directional tint will allow those inside the building to see out while providing a visual deterrent looking into the school building.



## ACTIVE DEFENDER

Active Defender was developed by a local group of leaders and engineers who worked with school safety specialists to bring a new approach to school safety. This phone application geo-maps our school location (see graphic above), including buildings, fields, and individual classrooms, to provide more accurate reporting. Active Defender allows each staff and faculty member to be a contributor and reporter to school safety while allowing features for leaders to be notified for instant response. The application allows for the ability of individuals to call safety codes, report a concern, and even directly contact emergency personnel in the event of a direct threat. Internal features include closed chatting to maintain secure internal communication between staff, including marking one's status, reporting student attendance, and reporting any observations or concerns. Leadership rolled out the Active Defender initiative last August and has used it internally while practicing safety drills since this school year began. As the school continues to refine its drills and safety protocols, Active Defender will be an integral part of campus security moving forward. Find out more about Active Defender at <https://active-defender.com>.



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## FUTURE SECURITY GIVING OPPORTUNITY

With future fundraising efforts, one of the next planned security additions includes installing an additional graphic shade on the front of the Upper School Building (518 Glensford). If you would be interested in helping fund this initiative, contact Mr. Caleb Warren via e-mail at [caleb.warren@bbafnc.org](mailto:caleb.warren@bbafnc.org).