



SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES

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Safety and Security Counselor (SSC)

Safety and Security Counselors (SSC), often referred to as Investigators, play a critical role in keeping our school communities safe. Appointed and authorized under the authority of the State of Maryland, SSCs possess full arrest authority serving as sworn law enforcement personnel within Prince George's County Public Schools. They are specially trained and certified to respond to serious incidents that may occur on or around school property.

What They Do

SSCs handle a range of matters, from criminal activity to staff-related concerns. They conduct in-depth investigations involving:

- Weapons
- Assaults
- Theft
- Threats
- Drug possession, use, and distribution
- Violations of law or school policy

At their discretion, they can take legal action, including making arrests, to ensure the safety of students and staff is protected.

Working closely with school leaders, School Resource Officers, local law enforcement agencies, the entire security team, and several other stakeholders, SSCs help manage threats before they grow and support schools during emergencies. Their work involves building safer spaces through prevention, response planning, and fair handling of incidents that affect the school community.

Safety and Security Counselors help uphold the values of accountability, trust, and protection across PGCPS. Their presence ensures that every incident is addressed with care and professionalism, reinforcing a safe and stable environment where students and staff can focus on learning and growth.