

We would like our residents to know that Antelope Valley Union High School District, diligently works hand-in-hand with the officers and personnel at Lancaster Sheriff's Station, along with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), to create the safest schools possible.

Every threat, whether it be verbal or on social media is taken seriously by our staff and investigated immediately and thoroughly. LASD investigations have shown that a large majority of these threats are made by students as a "joke" or "prank." PARENTS: This is where we need your help. Talk to your students about the serious consequences of making these types of "jokes" and "pranks." Regardless of their intention, these threats are unlawful and it is important that our students understand that thoroughly.

IT IS CRUCIAL THAT PARENTS TAKE ACTION WHEN NECESSARY. HERE IS WHAT PARENTS AND GUARDIANS CAN DO TO HELP:

- Ensure your student knows and understands the severity of making a false threat. It is difficult to tell if a comment is a "joke" until it has been investigated thoroughly. There could be criminal, civil, financial and administrative consequences at both school level and Sheriff's Department level.
- Stay connected and monitor your student's social media activities. Direct messages on sites such as Instagram and Facebook allow your student to send/receive private messages.
- Reach out to teachers, staff, principal, deputies or other trained professionals if you see behavior indicative of self-harm or harm to others.
- If you see or hear something, SAY SOMETHING! Our schools and community's safety is everyone's responsibility.
- We can help our students get the most out of their educational experience by working together to create the safest schools possible. If you have any questions, contact your school.

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