

Arkadelphia Parents and Staff:

The police department and school administrators were made aware of rumors of security threats yesterday at the end of the school day. All officials worked diligently to investigate and follow all leads. We will have increased security measures in place. If anyone has credible, verifiable information, please report to the police and/or school administrators. The Chief of Police issued this statement late last night.

The police department is aware of the rumors about threats of violence directed at the local schools. We have investigated multiple reported threats and at this time we have received no credible or verifiable information stating who has made a threat or what specific act they intend to carry out. Screenshots of text messages, social media messages or posts with names or other identifiers removed or hidden are not credible or verifiable. Please have the tough conversations with your children about the damaging effects of rumor spreading or hearsay, and encourage them to stand up for themselves and their safety by reporting any threat to you (the parents) or another adult. We will continue to have additional officers at our schools throughout the day and will continue assisting with morning admittance. Additionally, if anyone receives any information that is verifiable please forward the information to myself or the police department at (870) 246-4545.

Thank you for working with us to keep our schools safe.

Sincerely,  
Nikki Thomas, APSD Superintendent