Security Services

We keep students and staff safe. We work to prevent crime. We safeguard school grounds and property.

Education support professionals (ESPs) ensure students and schools succeed. We ensure a safe school environment for all. Security service jobs have become more challenging, and our responsibilities have dramatically increased. An important role we have on a daily basis is to counsel or just be a friend to the students with whom we interact. We have a clear understanding of not only security techniques, but also the unique nature of the school population we are working with. We are drug and substance, firearm and weapons experts. On a wider level, school security professionals are active in designing and implementing security policies and crisis response plans.

FAST FACTS:

- 55% work at senior high schools
- 36% work with special education students
- 86% work full-time
- 62% are male
- 67% are married
- The average age is 52
- We are 1% of the total NEA ESP membership

OUR JOBS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Security Workers
- Guards
- School Resource Officers
- Non-managerial Supervisors

NEA’S SECURITY SERVICE ESPs ARE:

Well-trained and experienced. Forty-four percent have an associates degree or higher. We meet specific job requirements such as certifications (37%), licenses (28%), or special courses (43%).

Committed to students and our careers. Sixty-one percent have spent their own money to purchase food or school supplies for students. Eighty-one percent plan to stay in the ESP field, and 64 percent plan to keep their current positions until retirement. On average, security ESPs have been working in public education for 11 years.

Active in the school community. Sixty-three percent live in the communities where they work. Twenty-nine percent have supported activities of a parent organization and 37 percent have coached or supported a sports program.

Focused on school safety. Their jobs are entirely focused on safety. Ninety-two percent believe that bullying, such as harassing, threatening, or intimidating others, is a problem at the school where they work. Eighty-one percent have seen students bullied in the last month and 42% have had a student report to them that they were bullied.