

Seattle Youth Safety Ambassadors — Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Youth Safety Ambassador Program?

The program is a new, youth-led initiative from the City of Seattle to make schools safer, healthier, and more connected. Ambassadors share information about free mental health and safety resources at their school, create youth-friendly outreach campaigns to spread awareness of resources, participate in school safety and wellness events, and represent student voice in shaping a stronger school community.

2. Who can apply?

Students who are at least 15 years old at the following schools can apply:

- **High Schools:** Chief Sealth International, Rainier Beach, Ingraham, Garfield, Franklin

We especially encourage students who care about safety, wellness, and mental health, and who want to be trusted peer voices in their community. *Note: Priority will be given to applicants who are juniors and seniors.*

3. How many students will be interviewed from each school?

We will interview up to **5 students per school** to ensure fair consideration across all schools.

4. How many students will be selected from each school?

At least two Youth Safety Ambassadors will be selected at each high school. Additional Ambassadors may be selected at certain high schools to do outreach activities with their nearby middle schools.

5. What does the interview process look like?

- Short **20–30 minute interviews** will be scheduled during the **week of October 6, 2025**.
- Interviews may take place virtually after school or early evening.
- Questions will focus on your interests, experiences, and ideas about student safety and wellness. Candidates will receive the interview questions in advance.

6. Who will be on the interview panel?

The panel will include:

- A representative from the City's Department of Education & Early Learning (DEEL)
- A representative from the City's Human Services Department (HSD)

It may also include representatives from:

- A community-based organization (CBO) partner working with your school
- A youth representative

- A staff member from your school

7. What is the timeline for the application, selection, and program launch?

Date	Activity
10/5/25	Applications due by 11:59pm
Week of 10/6/25	Interviews
10/10/25	All applicants notified of selection decisions
Week of 10/14/25	Virtual Youth Safety Ambassador onboarding meeting

8. What will I get for being a Youth Safety Ambassador?

Knowing that this is highly sensitive and impactful work, we will be providing:

- A monthly stipend of **\$167** (Oct–June, \$1,500 total)
- Training in peer to peer leadership, public speaking and preparing presentations
- Swag, resources, and opportunities for leadership at your school, and
- Mental health supports for you as a Youth Safety Ambassador.

9. Who will be supervising/supporting the Youth Safety Ambassadors?

Youth Safety Ambassadors will be supervised by a combination of SPS, DEEL and HSD staff to ensure they have the resources and support they need to be successful.

10. What if I have more questions?

You can email **Amelia Moore from DEEL** at amelia.moore@seattle.gov