



School Safety Update

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Safety Planning and Training

The district is currently conducting a comprehensive review of safety and security within the school district.

Building Safety Plans—Every 3 years the buildings update their safety plans. These are signed off by the appropriate police and fire departments. They are then reviewed and approved by the Ohio School Safety Center.



Safety Meetings—Twice a year the School Safety Committee and administrative team meets with the local police and fire departments to discuss school safety issues.

County-Wide Response to Active Shooter/Active Threat Situation—Greene County created this plan with all of the police departments and school districts in the county. Representatives from all of the groups meet twice a year to discuss.

ALICE training—ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. All staff are trained. District has 3 staff members who are certified trainers. All 6-12 students watched a video on ALICE. Elementary classrooms have age appropriate story books by ALICE. All schools do periodic (at least one drill per year) training, discussion and preparation for active shooter situations.

Crisis Prevention Institute—Many staff members, administrators and bus drivers are trained annually on CPI. This is nonviolent crisis intervention training designed to teach best practices for deescalating and managing difficult situations and disruptive behaviors.

Threat Assessment Teams—Each building has a trained threat assessment team that analyzes threatening behaviors and/or situations at school.

Stop the Bleed training—This training prepares participants the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and intervene effectively. All staff were trained in Stop the Bleed in 2020. Staff will get trained again in the 2022-23 school year.

Student Supports

Counselors and Mental Health Counselor– Each building in the district has at least one full time counselor and the district has a mental health counselor..



Hope Squad (BMS)- Hope Squad’s mission is “... to prevent suicide through public awareness and education, reduce stigma, and serve as a resource to those touched by suicide.” Students, staff and parents are trained in proactive/preventative measures to assist their peers in crisis. In addition to suicide interventions, training includes a variety of mental health issues like preventing bullying, reducing stigmas, resilience, and self-care. <https://hopesquad.com/mission-history/>

Handle With Care: When there is an occurrence that involves one of our students in the community and the local police, school personnel are notified. The Handle With Care program directly addresses the goal of mitigating these negative impacts of exposure to adverse experiences by providing support and on-site, trauma focused interventions by school staff and/or mental health providers, if necessary, to children identified by local first responders and school personnel.

Technology Monitoring, Reporting, and Communication

Tip Line–We use the Ohio School Safety Center tip line. Calls or texts to 844-SaferOH are answered by analysts within Ohio Homeland Security. If action is needed, the school district and/or proper authorities are notified. Information is on our website, posters are in the buildings and each student will be given a bookmark on the first day of school.



Securly–School software that monitors students’ internet searches and keystrokes on district accounts and devices. Alerts from Securly from analysts are sent to administrators if there are certain actions such as suicide, threats, etc. There is also a parent app to monitor child.

Visitor Management System is being implemented to screen visitors during school hours

Radios–all administrators have radios with a secure channel for communication during an emergency.

Facilities

Camera systems—each building has interior and exterior security cameras and are being updated.

Interior School Doors can be quickly shut, locked and secured.

Outside School Doors are locked during the school day. Current access control systems are being updated.

3M Impact Resistance Film—installed on windows to slow down entry into the buildings.

Background Checks

School Employees—all employees have BCI/FBI background checks

Volunteers—all volunteers are required to get background checks

School Resource Officer—The district has one SRO from the STPD that is primarily housed at the HS. The district also contracts with the BPD to have an on-sight presence of BPD during parts of days at elementary schools.

State School Safety Grant-still waiting on details for eligibility and/or spending