

SCHOOL SAFETY: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY



Hardinsburg Elementary School Learning Community,

As a new year begins, we are implementing new security practices in our schools with the goal of minimizing safety risks. A partnership with the Breckinridge County Sheriff's Office has allowed us the ability to introduce a school resource officer (SRO) to our school district. Our SRO, Mr. Donnie Chambers, will become familiar with all of our schools in the district and is excited to work with our students and staff. In addition, the use of mobile metal detectors will take place in our schools this year. Students at BCMS and BCHS will be scanned by these devices as they enter the buildings daily. These devices will also be utilized at our elementary schools this year when we welcome guests to larger in-school events like our Community Day Thanksgiving Dinners.

Adult guests entering Breckinridge County Elementary Schools for special events during the school day (Grandparents' Breakfast, Donuts for Dads, Muffins for Moms, Community Day Dinner, Honor Roll Breakfasts, and other programs) will pass through hand-held metal detectors operated by school administration or their designee to search for prohibited items. Prohibited items include: weapons, firearms, knives (including pocket knives), or dangerous instruments.

- School administrators or their designee will be stationed with hand-held metal detectors.
- Adult guests must pass through this station to enter our elementary school buildings for special events.

Hand-held metal detector procedures when conducting searches at elementary schools:

- School personnel using hand-held metal detectors will be trained in the use of metal detector equipment;
- Searches shall be reasonable in scope and duration, shall not be excessively intrusive, and shall be conducted in a uniform manner;
- Prior to the beginning of the search, adult guests will be asked to remove all metal objects from their pockets;
- If a metal detector is activated during the initial search of a guest, the search may be repeated;

- If the guest continues to activate the device, a thorough search may be conducted;
 - Any search of a guest's person as the result of the activation of the detector will be conducted in private by a person of the same sex as the guest and will be limited to a search for weapons;
 - A witness, preferably of the same sex as the guest, shall be present when a personal search is conducted;
 - All searches shall terminate after the item that activated the device has been located and safety has been ensured.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the use of mobile metal detectors in the school district. Your continued support for our school district is vitally important to the success of our schools. The Breckinridge County Community is known statewide for tremendously supporting our children. Raising our children in this generous community continues to be a blessing.

Sincerely,

Will T. Parker, Principal

S - STOW DANGEROUS OBJECTS IN VEHICLE

A - ARRIVE EARLY AND BE PATIENT

F - FREQUENT OUR SAFE SCHOOLS

E - ENSURE SAFETY FOR STUDENTS