



Caswell County Schools

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Safety and Security Overview

The safety and security of our students and staff is the highest priority for Caswell County Schools. The district has developed specific procedures and protocols to ensure our students, staff, and school campuses maintain a high level of safety and security at all times. Schools utilize approved crisis plans and trained school personnel to properly prepare and practice for all incidents or situations that may breach safety or security at our schools. Crisis Plans address incidents including health, weather, man-made, and/or other related incidents that pose a threat to the safety and security of our students, staff, and learning environments.

In times of crisis, schools need to be able to respond immediately to prevent and reduce the possibility of further incidents. School personnel and students practice following well established safety and security procedures that allow schools and school crisis teams to address emergency situations while preventing additional potential problems associated with an emergency. All schools' crisis plans are reviewed and updated annually.

Training

Every staff member receives lockdown training annually and all schools participate in preparedness drills throughout the school year including lock down, fire and evacuation, and tornado drills. These practice scenarios are invaluable in preparing and reacting in emergency situations if and when they occur.

Community Partners

The district works closely with the Caswell County Sheriff's Department, Emergency Management Services, Health Department, and local fire and rescue departments to promote the safety and security of our school campuses. Coordinated efforts have been made to increase access and knowledge of each school's crisis plan and participation in mock drills.

School Resource Officers are trained law enforcement officers from the Caswell County Sheriff's Department and are assigned to the county's secondary and middle schools. Recently, Caswell County Schools has submitted a grant to secure an additional School Resource Officer for our elementary schools. In addition, Law Enforcement drop-ins conducted by uniformed officers are conducted during the school day.

Additional Safety Initiatives

- Security cameras inside and out on all campuses
- Security cameras on buses
- Buzz-in system with security cameras at school entrances
- Visitor identification and verification procedures
- Crisis Management Team in each school
- Hand-held radios for communication
- Volunteer Approval Program

We are continuing to assess school safety needs to ensure a safe and secure educational environment for our students and staff.