

Safety Reminders for Every Day

Our staff are here to educate and protect your children. Please follow our school security practices and procedures:

- Please do not enter the building during arrival or dismissal unless you are going to the main office.
- Make sure you have your ID when you visit or pick up at your child's school.
- Be prepared to display your ID to our security camera or present to a staff member when requested.
- Make sure you are individually buzzed in — do not hold the door for anyone else.
- Young students may only be released to individuals listed on their Genesis student account or a parent's handwritten note. Anyone picking up your child should be prepared to present ID.
- Inform school staff about student safety concerns raised by your child or found on social media.
- Know your school's emergency and safety procedures and talk to your child about their importance.

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Security is a Shared Priority

Together, with parents, teachers and the Board of Education, our school district is always examining ways to make our schools as safe as we can. Here are some of our existing school security practices and procedures.

- Teacher/staff/principal emphasis on building relationships with students and assuring that each child has a trusted adult at school. These topics are regularly addressed in faculty meetings.
- Teachers are stationed at the main entrances, outside classrooms, and at hallway posts at all schools during change of classes and arrival and dismissal.
- All district staff and high school students wear ID badges. Staff in other buildings are expected to know students by name.

- Students and staff in all schools are regularly reminded not to let visitors enter but to direct them to main entrances.
- All school perimeter doors have magnetic locking systems. There is external video surveillance in all schools, and visitors must show photo ID before being buzzed in by office staff. Emergency key fob shut off at all buildings – ensuring no one can enter a building except for police or fire department.
- A no-nonsense approach by school administration towards weapons, drug infractions, fighting, etc. Age-appropriate disciplinary codes in each school specify consequences that range from counseling and out-of-school suspension to expulsion.
- Constant consultation, with the Piscataway Police Department to share information about incidents and potential problems.
- Over 600 internal and external security cameras are located inside and outside all district schools, and in the main hallways.
- Emergency evacuation plans, shelter in place, and lockdown procedures were developed with the Piscataway Police Department and Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office. Students and staff drill two times a month for emergency preparedness and twice yearly for bus evacuations.

- School communication systems have instant access to the Piscataway Police Department.
- There are three full-time police officers in Piscataway schools. Additionally, School Safety Officers are in place at all schools, and eleven security guards at PHS monitor hallways, cafeterias, exits, entrances, and school events.
- Lesson plans for substitutes include emergency procedures specific to that classroom.

The Board of Education and Administration, in consultation with the Piscataway Police Department, continue to identify ways to make our schools safer and stronger. This is our first priority; additional information will be forthcoming.

