



The safety of our students and staff is the number one priority in our daily operations. The District continues to review and enhance our safety and security plan on a daily basis. These safety measures include (but are not limited to):

- One full-time School Resource Officer from the Lake County Sheriff's Office travels throughout the schools in the District on a daily basis. In addition, each school in the District has a School Safety Officer in the building during school hours.
- All schools in the District have a security vestibule, which includes two layers of entrance doors with a transaction window in between. These entrances allow for visitors to be properly vetted between two sets of locked doors before entering the building. The transaction window allows for visitors to drop off deliveries or pick up items without having to enter the building at all.
- All visitors at all schools in the District must present an ID, which is scanned through a background check system.
- Internal and external surveillance cameras are installed at Riverside Campus and have been updated and improved across all other schools in the District.
- Safety drills for evacuations, lockdowns and emergency procedures are conducted throughout the year with all students and staff at each of our schools.
- School buses are equipped with internal and exterior camera systems.
- Staff members have completed ALICE training by the Lake County Sheriff's Office. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. The purpose of ALICE training is to prepare individuals to handle the threat of an active shooter.
- District officials meet often with local safety forces to update our crisis response protocols.
- A District-wide phone system, which includes phones in all classrooms as well as walkie-talkies for administrators and the school resource officer.
- A Vocera communication system consisting of 400 individual hands-free badges that allow for instant communication amongst staff. This system can be used for both emergencies and day-to-day operations and communications.
- MARCs radios in every school, which have the ability to reach all first responders with a push of a button.
- Principals continue to review and enhance safety procedures with staff.
- ALL staff is trained in Public School Works, which deals with student and staff safety and behavioral issues.
- District administrators completed training on Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents conducted by FEMA.
- All schools in the District participate in the PBIS program (Positive Behavior Intervention Support). This is to encourage students to display good manners to others, behave properly in class and how to responsibly use technology, among other things.
- The District partners with the Ohio School Safety Center to Speak Up and Save Lives. By calling or texting the statewide tip line at 844-723-3764, you can anonymously report anything that is suspicious or endangering you, your friends or your school.

We urge all students, staff and residents to report any suspicious activities seen at any of our schools, online or within the community. If you see something, please say something.

As always, student safety is our top priority. Threats or other activity designed to deliberately disrupt the educational environment will be cause for criminal charges and/or school discipline. Riverside Local Schools are committed to maintaining a safe and non-threatening environment where students can learn and be comfortable. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the District's School Resource Officer at (440) 358-8318.

