



# Safety & Security in Centerville Schools

Information is posted to [www.centerville.k12.oh.us/families/safety](http://www.centerville.k12.oh.us/families/safety) throughout the year

## School safety is everyone's business!



Students and staff practice fire, tornado and safety drills regularly throughout the school year. School safety drills allow us to run through strategies that can be used in emergency situations.



Five school resource officers are assigned to our schools through a partnership with the Centerville Police Department and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.



School doors are locked, and call boxes are used at front entrances for visitors to identify themselves and to notify the office of the reason for their visit. Security film has been added to strategic locations throughout the district to help deter unwanted individuals from entering school buildings and assist in protecting schools from break-ins or vandalism.



The Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) and a district-wide emergency radio channel are available in all of our school buildings. These methods allow quick communication between all district administrators and area law enforcement.



More than 500 security cameras have been upgraded and installed inside and outside the district's schools.



School counselors are available in every school building, and a partnership with South Community therapists also helps with mental health resources. Our K-5 buildings have adopted the PurposeFull People character education and social-emotional learning curriculum, and programs like advisory at our middle and high school and the CHS Hope Squad are also important resources for our students.



Speak up if you see a social media post or hear about students who have weapons at school or are threatening violence to themselves or others.



# STAY SAFE. SPEAK UP!

## 24-hour Student Safety Reporting Anonymous Tip Line

Call 1-866-547-8362 or click on the Safety Helpline button on the district website ([www.centerville.k12.oh.us](http://www.centerville.k12.oh.us))

*Any information shared will be thoroughly investigated and may prevent students from hurting themselves and/or others.*

## Response to active threats

Centerville City Schools uses the Run, Hide, Fight approach to active threats. In partnership with local law enforcement and the Miami Valley Crime Prevention, staff and students are trained to make active decisions to react appropriately (i.e. evacuating, barricading or fighting back). No matter where you are, think through your surroundings, potential scenarios, and your possible actions.



**RUN**



**HIDE**



**FIGHT**

## Bring your driver's license!

Our new security system at all schools **REQUIRES** a photo ID for entrance

*Additional information about the visitor identification system is included on reverse page and online.*

## Important notification information

- 1** When an emergency situation occurs, we know text messages and calls may be immediately sent out by students or staff members in the school, even before an official district communication can go out. **Our first priority is to protect students and staff** and ensure any threat is investigated and neutralized. As soon as our role in ensuring safety is complete, we will communicate factual information with families via phone call and/or text message.
- 2 Student privacy is protected by law.** We cannot share discipline information. We do have zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior, but this does not mean there are mandatory punishments. The age and maturity of the child are taken into consideration, and then appropriate disciplinary action is taken.
- 3 Lockdown or active threat** are used to refer to a school safety situation. We will share information with families if there is a threat or school safety issue at your child's school.
- 4 Stay Put** is used to refer to a medical emergency or other situation where we need students and staff to stay in their classrooms. Typically, we would not share information with families about these situations.

*Please see the enclosed card for more tips if there is an emergency at your child's school.*

## FREE gun locks available

"We Support Safe Communities," our community-wide gun lock giveaway, is ongoing. Many of the children who have committed acts of violence at schools were able to access weapons from their homes. As we continue to explore ways to keep our students safe, we are asking all community members to pledge to keep firearms secure and be aware of who can access them at all times.

To support community members in this endeavor, we have committed to providing **FREE** gun locks to help secure firearms. These can be picked up, free of charge, at the Board of Education office, 111 Virginia Ave., Centerville, OH 45458.

## Raptor Visitor Management System frequently asked questions

### How does the Raptor System work?

Raptor is a visitor management system that enhances school security by reading a visitor's drivers' license (or other approved government-issued ID) and comparing information to a database that contains registered sex offenders from 50 states as well as local flags placed into Raptor by our district. In the event of a match, Raptor alerts designated officials. Once cleared through the system, a visitor badge is produced that includes the visitor's name, photo, date and destination. The Raptor system is designed to replace paper sign in.

### What is the purpose of the Raptor system?

Raptor enhances and automates visitor management. By proactively alerting personnel to certain potential threats, Raptor allows school administrators, and at times the school resource officer, to take appropriate steps to keep our students, employees and visitors safe. For approved visitors, the system prints visitor badges that include the visitor's name, photo, date and destination. Those badges enable personnel within the building to quickly determine if visitors are in areas where they should or should not be.

### What types of IDs will work in Raptor?

Raptor is able to scan all U.S. government-issued licenses, identification cards, concealed handgun licenses, permanent resident card, active military cards, and passport ID cards (not the full passport).

### What does a visitor do if he/she doesn't have a government-issued ID?

Visitors without a government-issued ID will be required to meet with a school administrator. These individuals will be asked to provide their last name, first name and date of birth for manual entry into Raptor.

### Will I be required to complete this process if I am just dropping off an item in the office for my child?

No, this process is only for visitors wishing to enter the school past the reception desk.

*Additional questions and answers will be available online: [www.centerville.k12.oh.us/families/safety](http://www.centerville.k12.oh.us/families/safety)*

**Plans are in the works for a panel presentation to share information about school safety and mental health resources. Please watch for more information!**