



PENNCREST

EMPOWERING LIFE-LONG LEARNERS

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Dear PENNCREST Families,

The PENNCREST School Community has a deep concern for the safety and security of our students, employees, visitors, and volunteers.

The following is a list of safety and security initiatives this school year:

- Purchase of 14 new [standardized AEDs](#) and 40 first aid kits
- Replacement of Saegertown campus classroom door locks and re-keying
- Installation of new elementary security cameras with [ZeroEyes](#)
- Installation of [HALO smart sensing units](#) in secondary restrooms and locker rooms
- Trauma Informed Practices, training for staff
- [ALICE training](#), for parents
- Drug Impairment for the Educational Professional, training for administrators
- The addition of a Mental Health Coordinator
- Two (2) CSPD School Resource Officers
- Additional Information is available at <https://www.penncrest.org/district/school-safety>

In the fall of 2019, the district purchased one (1) walk through metal detector and three (3) handheld wands for each secondary school. These devices have been used sparingly since they were purchased. Beginning in March 2023, our secondary schools will begin limited and random use of the metal detectors.

The following are the procedures for our limited-random use of metal detectors in secondary schools. The school principal may select a group of students to be checked at random on a neutral and nondiscriminatory basis before or during the school day. Only employees who are trained are permitted to participate in student searches including the use of metal detectors. A properly trained employee, administrator or law enforcement officer will direct each student with their personal effects into a designated area to proceed with the metal detector check. Employees will closely observe students to make sure no objects are removed from pockets or personal effects. A properly trained employee, administrator or law enforcement officer will ask the student to remove all objects containing metal from their clothing and personal effects.

Then the properly trained employee, administrator or law enforcement officer will scan the student without touching their body and on the outside of the student's personal effects with a wand or have the student walk through the stand-alone unit. If the metal detector is activated during the scanning of the student's person, the student will be given a second opportunity to remove any metal containing object from his person. A second scan will be conducted and if the metal detector is activated again, the student may be removed from the group and searched separately in the presence of another employee.

If the metal detector is activated during the scanning of the student's effects, a properly trained employee, administrator, or law enforcement officer will open the student's bag, purse, et cetera and proceed to look for weapons and potentially hazardous contraband.

The district has an obligation to provide a safe environment for all students and staff. At the same time, we respect the constitutional rights of each student in our care. We believe that the limited and random use of metal detectors is a reasonable and logical safety precaution.

Sincerely,

Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool
Superintendent