



# JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

All-around excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts

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Jackson County School System's primary responsibility is to ensure the safety of every student, teacher, and visitor participating in or observing school-related activities.

Please be assured that all safety concerns are taken very seriously by the Jackson County School System. All reports and threats are investigated and vetted with appropriate authorities. Anyone having knowledge of a credible threat to any school system campus, student, or staff member is requested to immediately contact the school's principal.

## Highlights of Safety and Security in JCSS

- Partnership with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office
- Safety vestibules at all schools
- Surveillance cameras in all school buildings
- Visitor check-in system that requires a government-issued ID to check in
- Secure interior and exterior access points
- A campus-wide alert system

## Emergency Alert System

JCSS' campus-wide alert system gives all school system employees the ability to activate their Centegix badge to alert local law enforcement immediately. With the press of a button, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, school administrators, and district administrators will see exactly where in any school building the alert has been activated.

After a button on the badge has been pressed, beacon lights will flash in classrooms and hallways. Desktop computers will be taken over with the alert. Law enforcement will be en route. After activation of their Centegix badge, teachers and staff have been informed to follow the "Avoid. Deny. Defend." protocols.

In order to prepare for different emergencies, JCSS has a monthly drill inside each school. The drills include fire drills, severe weather drills and lockdown drills. The lockdown drills will be in coordination with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officers.

School Resource Officers will also be working in coordination with JCSS school administrators to conduct safety evaluation walkthroughs for each school inside the district.