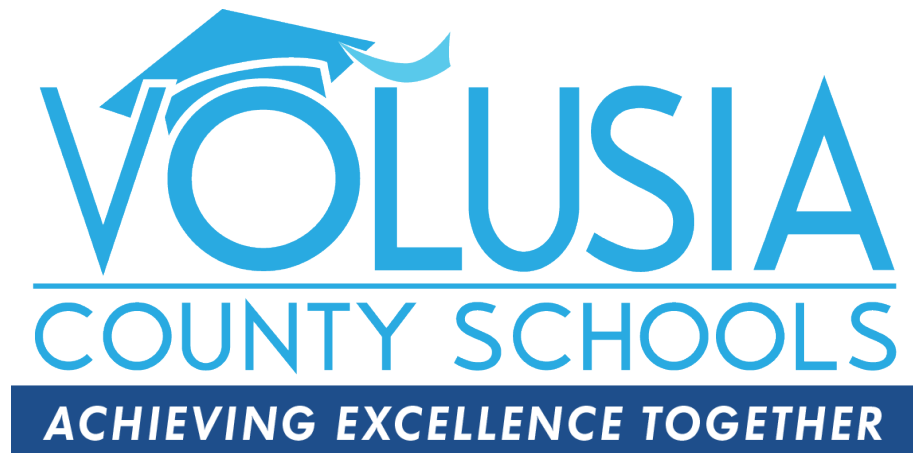




Safety and Security Update

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Guardrail

This presentation aligns to the following as part of the Volusia County Schools 2024 - 2027 Strategic Plan:

- ▶ Goal: High-Quality Instruction
 - ▶ Guardrail 1: High-Quality Staff
 - ▶ Guardrail 2: Safe & Supportive Environment
 - ▶ Guardrail 3: Resources & Operational Processes
 - ▶ Guardrail 4: Communication & Community Engagement



VCS Incident and Communication Protocols

- **Hold:** A “hold” means that while individuals are not moving around campus, all doors remain locked and classroom instruction continues. There is not an immediate threat. A school may go into a “hold” for severe weather or to investigate a suspicious report, for example.
- **Secure:** In a “secure” status, students and staff return to the inside of buildings and do not move around campus. All doors remain locked, and classroom instruction continues. A common example of a “secure” status is when there is off-campus police activity in the area.
- **Lockdown:** A “lockdown” means that there is an immediate threat and further safety precautions to secure rooms are taken, such as turning off the lights. All doors remain locked. Students are trained to move out of sight, stay quiet, and keep doors closed.
- **Evacuate:** Students are instructed to evacuate to a specified location.
- **Shelter:** Sheltering may be required for severe weather.
 - [Email communication to Principals](#)

The following safety will be shared on our website and social media:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xB_XjjDNHul



Safety and Security Protecting Our Youth

- Fencing, Single Point Entry - High-Definition Camera
- HB 1473 - Doors and Gates Shut and Locked
- Raptor Visitor Management
- Crime Center and SOC
- Fuses
- Centegix
- Fortify Florida
- See Something, Say Something
- Gaggle
- Mental Health
- Threat Management



Continued

- Leo or Guardian at School Sites
- Mental Preparedness
- Drills
- Safe Zones
- Random Screenings (Secondary Schools)
- Procedures
- Committees
- VFRC
- Safety Walks – Student Services
- Document Compliance Monitor
- K9 (Maverick)



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