

Proclamation

2025 SMART WEEK PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 25-29 SMART WEEK

WHEREAS, guns are the number one killer of children and teens in the United States;
and

WHEREAS, the Adams 12 Five Star School District is committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the safety and well-being of our children; and

WHEREAS, almost every single day, a child gets their hands on a gun and unintentionally kills or wounds themselves or someone else in the United States; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the most effective way to prevent children from accessing firearms is by making sure all guns are stored unloaded, locked, and separate from ammunition; and

WHEREAS, there are steps we can all take, gun owners and non-gun owners alike, to make sure kids can't access guns and put themselves and others in danger; and

WHEREAS, more than half of gun owners don't lock all of their guns securely, and an estimated 4.6 million children live in a home with at least one unlocked and loaded gun in the United States; and

WHEREAS, when guns aren't properly stored, tragedy can strike — whether it's a child finding a firearm and wounding or killing themselves or someone else, or someone stealing it and using it to commit crimes in our communities; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the Adams 12 Five Star School District's highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, schools, hospitals, state agencies, and community organizations are committed to their crucial role in reducing injuries and deaths by promoting secure gun storage and safety; and

WHEREAS, SMART Week raises awareness and promotes efforts to educate the public about secure gun storage; the Adams 12 Five Star Schools commends Be SMART, a program developed by the Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, and all involved in their endeavor to keep communities safe;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education proclaims August 25-29, 2025 to be SMART Week.

Adopted by Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education at it meeting on August 20, 2025