

SAFETY UPDATE

Peters Township School District

Within our school community, the safety of our students and staff is given the highest priority. Throughout the school year drills take place as we practice and further hone our safety and security measures.

As a new school year begins, we want to share some important procedures and reminders for parents.

Visiting Our Schools

Parents are welcome visitors to our schools and we ask that you comply with our visitor procedures. Valid photo identification must be presented when arriving at the school and will be scanned using our Raptor System. Our schools also have buzzer entry systems allowing staff members to engage visitors prior to granting entry into the buildings. Please allow extra time when visiting due to these procedures.

In an Emergency

If an emergency situation would occur in our buildings, parents will be notified using our parent calling system. In these cases, we contact three phone numbers for each child (home phone, and daytime numbers for each parent). You can update contact information in PowerSchool by calling the main office in your child's building.

An emergency phone message would include basic information on the nature of the emergency. In the event of an evacuation, it would also include information on where the students are being transported and possibly information on how parents may pick up their child.

Please note that unless instructed in the message, we urge parents NOT to come to campus during an emergency. If this occurs, all of our efforts are focused on safety. Additional people on campus detract from those efforts and could interfere with first responders and their access to campus.



In the event of an issue occurring while students are on the bus, parents would also be notified by the school. General delays on bus routes are communicated via the phone calling system as well.

Safety Practice and Procedures

On a monthly basis, our buildings conduct fire/evacuation drills. In order to practice a variety of situations, these drills may be scheduled during lunch or include other variables such as blocked stairways.

Peters Township has also adopted the ALICE training method for school safety. We conduct drills throughout the year so that students and staff can practice the steps of Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuation. If you would like to learn more about these procedures, please visit the School Safety page on the District website.

Parents are generally notified of safety drills via the District email system. We encourage parents to talk about the drills with their children to emphasize the need to listen carefully, follow instructions, and to take the drills seriously. While it is our hope that a real emergency never occurs, these drills are an effective way to ensure that staff and students know and can follow the procedures in tense situations.

Safety in our District is a partnership - Staff, School Board, Students, our First Responders ... and You! Thank you for your continued support!