

About Our Safety Plan

It is our first responsibility as a school district and community to provide for the safety of our students, while also providing the best learning environment possible. In Hudson City Schools, we do this by building relationships, creating open lines of communication, working diligently to establish and improve our safety procedures and practices, and through crisis planning.

In addition to the many components of the plan in this booklet, we have strengthened many of our protocols while also adding building security measures. Our safety plans will continue to evolve as we strive to learn best practices for student and staff safety, and building security.

Since 2013, the Hudson City Schools has added these security measures and equipment to our Emergency Operations Plan:

- Increased clinical counseling services for identified students
- Conduct monthly security drills for lockdowns, fire, and tornadoes
- Use of Go Guardian, an internet service that finds concerning issues being searched by our students
- Increased security cameras in school entrances and hallways, viewable by Hudson Police
- Constructed security entrances at all buildings with buzz-in systems
- Exterior doors are locked during the school day
- Purchased and installed the Bearcade, a device that locks down classroom doors
- Purchased phones that allow lockdown calls to be made from any classroom
- Purchased Navigate Prepared, an app that puts safety plans on staff cell phones for ease of access
- Placed Blue Safety Bags in each classroom. The bags contain content for counter measures
- Updated radios that connect throughout the district on multiple, programmed channels
- Installed MARCS radios are in each school main office. This radio allows a panic call to go directly to first responders
- Reduced open entrances before school
- Visitor sign-in through the main office. Badges indicated a substitute teacher, visitor, or VIP
- Improved communications plan for efficient delivery of messaging to parents
- New – improved parent notification of non-emergency lockdown drills (2018)
- Safe Schools Helpline adds phone app for quick use (Free download, 2018)
- New – Safety Advisory Committee (2018)
- Additional safety plans that are not made public