

Keeping Our School Safe

Keeping our students and staff safe and secure is an important part of our mission at Scales Mound CUSD #211. The District has an Emergency Operations Plan, which has its foundation in the national standards as defined by the National Incident Management System (NIMS). These standards cover all types of incidents that can happen in our community from floods to tornados and unfortunately, dangerous intruders.

No plan is perfect, so each year Scales Mound CUSD #211 has a meeting with area first responders to look at the plan and make modifications to meet best practices. On the same day as our meeting, we have first responders supervise a simulated lockdown with students and staff. This provides us with an opportunity to have the Sheriff's office and Fire Department give us recommendations for improving our safety procedures.

Scales Mound School is a hub of activity in our community. Beyond normal day-to-day activities, the school is frequently used by outside organizations that provide activities for our students and adults throughout the community. We have a fitness center and weight room that is used by many of our students and community members. The school seems to always have something going on during the week and on weekends.

This activity creates challenges for us to be sure we are maintaining the security of the building. To assist us with this goal, we have cameras monitoring the campus both inside and outside of the building. These cameras run 24 hours per day seven days per week. In an emergency, we can access these cameras remotely to provide valuable information to the emergency responders.

In the event that we have an emergency in the building, parents would be notified as soon as possible through our School Rush communication system. This system is for notifying our students' parents and guardians and providing them with information about what is happening in the building. It is very important that families notify us if there are any changes to contact emails or phone numbers.

Finally, we keep the building locked at all times during the day. If you need to visit with a teacher, bring in a school lunch, or meet with staff, we ask that all visitors come in the main entrance and sign in at the office.

Keeping our students and staff safe is extremely important and something we continue to monitor and update. If we ask you for an ID or to sign in please understand that it is for your safety and the safety of everyone in the building.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding, GO HORNETS!

Sincerely,

Dr. Bill Caron