

NORTH SCHUYLKILL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF SAFETY STANDARDS

The North Schuylkill School District has always considered the safety of our students and staff to be a paramount concern. In light of recent events and the public awareness they have caused regarding school safety, we feel it necessary to state our commitment to the following standards:

1. Parents and students will be asked to sign verification that they have reviewed the student handbook and understand the rules, regulations, procedures, and consequences for various violations that have been established. This sign-off page can be found at the back of the student handbook.
2. All building entrances are kept locked including the main entrance area. All students, staff, and visitors must use the main entrance in to the building at all times. Visitors must report to the office and wear identification badges they will be given while in the building. Anyone attempting to circumvent this procedure will be detained.
3. All staff must wear identification badges at all times.
4. At no time are * weapons of any kind allowed on school grounds, at any school function, in school or personal vehicles, parking lots, and bus stops.

*A Aweapon shall include, but not be limited to any knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle or any other tool, instrument or implement capable of inflicting serious bodily injury. The definition of weapon also includes any object in circumstances in which the object has been, or is likely to be used as a weapon.

Possessing a weapon, whether a student or staff member, will result in severe disciplinary action.

5. Secondary teachers will be at their doors during the passing of classes in order to monitor hallway activity. Elementary teachers will escort their classes to creative art classes, assemblies, lunch, and other events.
6. Student lockers are school property and may be searched at any time with reasonable cause.
7. Video cameras will be used both on school busses and on school grounds for security monitoring and to discourage inappropriate activity.
8. Students not obeying all traffic laws and signs when driving on school grounds will have their driving privileges revoked immediately for the school year.
9. All employees are subject to criminal background checks prior to hiring.
10. All staff, students, and parents will be made aware of safety and security guidelines as they are developed and implemented.

11. In the event of a crisis or emergency situation, local television and radio announcements will be made.

12. Administration will involve local law enforcement in any matters when considered appropriate.