

SAFETY AT SCOTT SCHOOL



Working to Keep your Child Safe

Scott Elementary School is committed to the safety of every student and person who enters our building. From the time they step on the school bus in the morning to the time they leave in the afternoon—the well-being and education of your children is our number one priority.

Scott School regularly reviews and updates policies and initiates new programs and software to meet the needs of our students. Following is a list of some of the ways we are working to keep your student safe while in our care.

Security Cameras

Scott currently employs the use of nine cameras strategically positioned around the building to monitor exits and hallways with the ability to digitally record activity. The cameras provide highly sophisticated security services and enables officials to remotely monitor the building.

IDENT-A-KID

Scott School will soon begin to utilize the software program, IDENT-A-KID, which allows visitors to sign themselves in at the office, via a computer. The software allows schools the ability to track virtually all entry and exit data, and to know at all times who is in the building and make it easily visible to teachers and administrators that the individual is an approved visitor.

Informative Student Programs

School-wide informative programs are often given to remind students of appropriate behavior, both for their safety and others.

“**Keeping My Body Safe**” was presented to kindergarten and first grade classrooms recently. The program

meets the National Health Education Standards by practicing health-enhanced behaviors, reducing health risks, identifying responsible and harmful behaviors and using decision-making skills to stay healthy. It is designed for children ages four to six and meets the U.S. Department of Education expectations for early childhood education programs.

Stranger Danger is an upcoming program that will be presented in collaboration with Vanderburgh County Sheriff Eric Williams and his office. It is planned to be presented after Spring Break.

Connect Ed System

The ability to communicate with parents quickly is very important to the EVSC. The new Family notification system, *Connect-ED*, allows the EVSC and individual schools to communicate with families in six different ways including home phone, work phone, cell phones, email and text messaging. Training for school officials on this system recently took place and will be utilized more at the school level in the future to let families know about upcoming events and important reminders.



Internet Protocol (IP)/Wireless Phones in Every Classroom

Every teacher will soon have a wireless telephone in the classroom, allowing better communication with parents and more efficient distribution of emergency news. Teachers will be able to use these phones throughout the building, allowing an instant call for assistance when necessary. This system also has an emergency messaging component which will allow better dissemination of information during lockdown procedures, or emergency weather situations.

Key Fobs

Scott employs the use of a key fob system that is being used for access to common areas. The system can be programmed to allow access only to those areas in which the user is permitted to enter.

School Counselor, Social Worker, Psychologist and Registered Nurse

Scott is fortunate to have a full-time counselor, Karin Bagby, who has been at the school for the past 12 years and a full-time social worker, Christine Weinzapel Hayden, who is funded through Youth First. The school also has a itinerant school psychologist, Brenna Kelley, and on-site registered nurse, Krista Jackson.

Internet Fire Walls

Going to the computer lab is always a highlight for students; however, having access to the internet opens up a whole new world. Scott, as well as the entire EVSC, uses internet fire walls that block unwanted and sensitive materials from school computers.

School Staff

Scott has more than 100 staff members dedicated to the safety and security of every student. Staff provide supervision and support to all students. Forty staff members provide lunch and recess supervision and parent pick up is monitored by up to six staff members. Walkie talkies are used during supervision, arrival, dismissal and emergency drills to coordinate student movement and to further ensure safety.

The safety and security of students is of paramount importance to the Scott Elementary School staff.

We want to provide the best—and safest learning environment for our students.

How You Can Help

- Talk often with your children about issues regarding their safety so that it becomes a commonplace discussion and one they feel comfortable bringing up.
- Follow appropriate arrival and dismissal procedures.
- Allow plenty of time to sign your child out of the building.
- Remind children about school staff they can talk with if they have important information to share. Talk about proper Internet usage and monitor what your child sees.
- Send a note to your child's teacher regarding changes in dismissal procedures.

Crisis Management Plan

In the event of any type of crisis, Scott has a written, approved crisis management plan to follow. The plan, reviewed periodically by corporation and school staff, is on file with the EVSC's director of safety and security and with local law enforcement agencies. The plan has procedures for addressing specific situations, such as weather-related emergencies. The school also has several weather radios, including one in each of the "learning cottages" to ensure school officials are up-to-date on the potential for severe weather.

Ten staff members comprise the Scott School Safety Committee. The committee, with representatives from every grade level, reviews, updates and if necessary implements, the crisis management plan.

Have questions, concerns or comments?
Please contact the office at 867-2427