

Maumee City Schools
Questions & Answers from School & Community Safety Forum
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<p>Q: Are alarm boxes coded for different areas of school?</p> <p>A: Yes. Our alarm system allows us to know which alarm switch was activated. Whenever a fire alarm is activated, our Maumee Police and Fire are also notified and respond.</p>
<p>Q: Are classroom doors locked and closed during classes?</p> <p>A: We encourage all staff to either lock their door and prop it open or to lock their door and keep it closed during class.</p>
<p>Q: Would the district be willing to make parents aware of how to report/respond?</p> <p>A: Yes. We will be creating a document to provide guidance as to the best way to respond given the situations that occur in our district.</p>
<p>Q: Does the District permit conceal/carry voluntarily of teachers?</p> <p>A: The District does not currently allow staff who possess a concealed carry permit to possess a firearm in our school buildings.</p>
<p>Q: What is your plan moving forward?</p> <p>A: We will continue to investigate and pursue additional safety measures as the safety of our students is a top priority for the district. This includes both proactive measures as well as devices and additional layers of protection should we have a breach in our security.</p>
<p>Q: What would you have done differently from the event in Florida?</p> <p>A: Details regarding specific measures taken by Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School are still being released. It is not our role to critique or question any of their safety practices without having all of the facts and information.</p>
<p>Q: Has the District considered implementing school uniforms?</p> <p>A: Several years ago a district team was convened and examined possible changes to the dress code, including school uniforms. The committee concluded that a modified dress code would be best.</p>
<p>Q: Has the District considered no hoodies in class?</p> <p>A: Several years ago a district team was convened and examined possible changes to the dress code. It was determined that hoodies would be permitted to be worn in our buildings.</p>
<p>Q: If students are outside for recess, what should they do?</p> <p>A: We currently have a protocol in our emergency plan for time when students are at recess and are considering a number of additional layers of security to help ensure regardless of where our students are on school property, consistent safety and security measures are in place.</p>
<p>Q: Are there locks on the inside of the classroom doors? (especially elementary level)</p> <p>A: We are currently exploring several options to allow elementary staff to be able to more easily secure their doors. Currently staff can lock their door from the outside, leave it open during the day and should a situation occur that would necessitate securing the room, simply pull their door shut.</p>
<p>Q: How are substitutes being trained?</p> <p>A: At this time our substitute employees receive on the job training. We are working with our local Educational Service Center to coordinate additional training for all substitutes in Lucas County. Currently all substitutes have access to emergency plans and are welcome to discuss questions and concerns with building administrators.</p>
<p>Q: Why didn't anyone talk to the students about what happened?</p> <p>A: Students receive communication to ensure their safety. Since offenses that occur in our schools typically involve juvenile offenders, the district is limited as to what we can disclose about specific</p>

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incidents.
Q: How would the staff handle an old student coming to visit? A: All guests enter through the main school doorway into the office area and are expected to sign in with a staff member there. The teacher would be notified and have the option of coming to the office to meet/escort the guest or following up to arrange for a better time to visit.
Q: Have we considered the use of metal detectors? A: We discuss the use of metal detectors periodically, and at this time we have not implemented their use. Doing so would result in the need for substantial manpower and equipment. We would also need to recognize this would only serve as a deterrent for those entering the doors where detectors are located.
Q: Why is the first move to lock down? A: The first move is not to lockdown. After assessing a threat the onsite administrator determines the course of action necessary to provide the safest environment possible for students and staff.
Q: If knives are involved in more incidents than rifles, is this accounted for in training? A: Yes. Our training covers a wide range of possible threats including knives.
Q: How do we prevent incidents instead of react, ie General Checkpoint, remove jacket & bag, feel & observe looking for threats. A: We appreciate this feedback and will give consideration to the suggestion.
Q: Do the cameras around the exterior of the building cover [every] square inch now versus 11/2 years ago? A: Every year we add cameras as well as make adjustments to lighting in an effort to provide a safe, conducive environment for our guests. Given the amount of interior space as well as acres of exterior space we have across all our campuses, we have targeted our security cameras on areas of most concern.
Q: Can a general staging area be set up for buses to be sent to in the event of another incident? Could parents congregate there? A: Every situation is unique and places incident specific demands on our space needs and transportation system. We have evacuation and family reunification locations/plans in place for every building and will be having drills to practice this procedure in the future.
Q: When someone opens a door to leave or to let someone in is there an alert so it can be checked on camera? A: We are currently exploring options for a door alert system and already have camera in place at every entry.
Q: Are people who are CWC allowed to carry on school grounds for school/sports/other events? A: No. Current law prohibits anyone other than law enforcement from carrying a firearm on school grounds/sports or other events.
Q: Could parents be taught more detail about A.L.I.C.E. so we could then reinforce at home? A: Yes. Please go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqkUw9egsWc to view a video created by another school district that captures the essence of A.L.I.C.E.
Q: Can students have badges? A: Thank you for this suggestion we will consider this request as a way to enhance security.

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<p>Q: Can we ask families if they have access to firearms? A: Whenever Maumee Police investigates a threat, or our District conducts a threat assessment, we inquire as to the level of access to weapons.</p>
<p>Q: Can we add bulletproof windows, or at least for offices? A: We are currently working with a vendor to obtain pricing to add this layer of security.</p>
<p>Q: Why are GW exposed to Twitter? A: The intention of this statement/question is unclear.</p>
<p>Q: Feasibility study on airport screening system? A: This would require extensive manpower and equipment to implement in a responsible manner. While we will continue to consider all suggestions this is not one we are currently pursuing.</p>
<p>Q: What are we (parents) to do in an emergency? A: The short answer is to please be patient and wait for instructions and information from the District. Coming to school and calling the office taxes staff members when their primary focus needs to be student safety. Each building has a safety plan designed to provide direction should an emergency situation occur. We are working on creating a general guidance document that will share best practices about how parents can best support our schools when emergency situations take place.</p>
<p>Q: What is being done to address bullying? A: We currently have multiple initiatives in place to reduce/eliminate bullying from taking place. We continue to encourage any student who feels he/she is being bullied to share their experience with a trusted adult.</p>
<p>Q: How do we get students to talk? A: We will continue to promote multiple avenues for students to communicate their concerns. This includes, but is not limited to, speaking with a trusted adult, texting or calling the Ohio Hotline at 844-SAFEROH or contacting the Maumee Police Department. Our district has placed an emphasis on encouraging students to speak up and speak out through our Say Something and Start With Hello campaigns.</p>
<p>Q: Are all doors secure/monitored during morning arrival and dismissal? A: Currently all doors are monitored via our security camera system 24/7.</p>
<p>Q: How often is A.L.I.C.E.? A: Every building holds a minimum of 4 safety drills per year where depending on the scenario, A.L.I.C.E. is implemented.</p>
<p>Q: How are all doors locked/unlocked in emergencies? A: Through the use of an automated system, we can unlock/lock all doors through a computer interface.</p>
<p>Q: Why during a lockdown do teachers not barricade the door or use a doorstop inside? A: Depending on the situation, teachers would need to make these decisions.</p>
<p>Q: Why are there only resource officers at Gateway and MHS and not at the elementaries? A: Our DARE officer and Maumee Police Division road officers serve our elementary buildings and provides support as necessary. We are very fortunate that regardless of location Maumee Police Department can be close enough to a school building for sirens to be heard within 45 seconds of receiving a call.</p>
<p>Q: Have we considered Buddy Benches for playground & lunchroom?</p>

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A: We will give this suggestion consideration.

Q: Who monitors after hours?

A: The Maumee Police Department has 24/7 access to our camera system and staff throughout the buildings monitor our guests.

Q: Are interior doors locked to other parts of buildings?

A: Yes. It is common for areas of our buildings not being used to be locked throughout the day and evening.

Q: How is safety covered with elementary students?

A: We are very fortunate to have a DARE officer and Maumee firefighters that visits all of our elementary buildings throughout the school year, as well as staff that are trained to cover safety with our students. Individual building teachers and administrators also frequently address safety issues in an ongoing manner throughout the school year.