

High School Ongoing Safety Measures

Bully/ Safety Assistance Hot Line: 440-774-6959

As part of District's safety plan, the Bully/ Safety Hotline is now available for students to call at 440-774-6959 If you know of anyone threatening violence or bullying, please call. Don't keep Quiet. Don't Risk it. Report it. Keep our schools a safe place to learn. All calls are confidential and anonymous.

Technology

Security cameras are placed in key positions throughout Lorain County JVS. These cameras display and record video that can be viewed online by District administrators. In an emergency, local Law Enforcement can access the video feed. School officials and local police may also use these videos when investigating any incidents.

Staff Identification & Visitors

All staff are assigned photo identification cards which allow access to the buildings where they work. All doors in the school buildings are kept secure. Visitors must be buzzed in at the front door sign the guest registry in the Attendance or Adult Education Office and wear a visitor tag.

Good Relationships with Local Safety Forces

Lorain County JVS maintains a solid, cooperative relationship with local police and fire departments. These safety forces meet regularly with school officials in a proactive environment to insure the safety and security of Lorain County JVS students and staff. The safety forces also take part in school staff safety training. In addition, we have taken a proactive approach by assigning a school resource officer.

Safety Committee

The Lorain County JVS Safety Committee meets regularly to discuss safety and security issues throughout the District. The Committee is comprised of representatives from The Lorain County Sheriff's Office, Wellington Fire District, EMA, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Life Care Ambulance, South Lorain County Ambulance, other local agencies including JVS staff members.

School Resource Officer –Deputy Tony Pluta

In a proactive approach by Lorain County JVS has been assigned to work in the high school as a school resource officer. He interacts with students daily, educates students

on various teen issues, makes himself available to students who have an issue or concern and resolves conflicts.

Safety Drills

In an effort to make sure our students and staff are well prepared in case of an emergency, every school holds regularly scheduled rotating safety drills. The safety routines that are practiced include tornado drills, fire drills, evacuation drills and shelter-in-place drills. Building staff evaluates the effectiveness of each drill and determines if any adjustments need to be made.

Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Automated External Defibrillators (AED) are located throughout the building in various locations in case of a medical urgency where a person suffers a cardiac arrest and needs emergency resuscitation. Although trainers and certain staff are trained in using the devices, these kits are designed so that anyone can use them by following the step-by-step directions given within each unit.

Student Programs

It is important for people to feel connected and a part of their community. We believe in providing students with the opportunity to be heard if they are struggling with a situation. Programs across the District provide an opportunity for students to make connections with others and highlight the importance of being kind to one another. Some examples include:

- Peer Mediation
- Principals' Student Advisory Committee
- VYC/Interact Group
- Career Tech Program organizations

Staff Development Opportunities and Training

Lorain County JVS has had various opportunities over the last several years to set aside time for staff safety and security training. This has included presentations by various safety groups. It also included table top training sessions where staff and local safety forces worked together in small groups to try to resolve a fictional safety scenario.