

SCHOOL SAFETY/EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Students, parents, staff members and the community have a vital role in keeping schools safe. Anyone with information or knowledge of emergency situations and safety concerns that require immediate attention (weapons, drugs, and violence, and threats of violence etc.) are to report to law enforcement immediately. Other concerns, including harassment, discrimination, bullying are to be reported directly to your child's school principal, assistant principal, counselor, teacher or other staff member.

Metcalfe County Schools District Staff members recognize the responsibility in providing a safe and orderly school environment where students can learn. Being prepared for emergencies is one aspect of such an environment. The safety and security of our students is a primary goal of our schools.

The Metcalfe County School System has in place an emergency management plan at each school and district level. The plan is designed to help school personnel, students and community members know what to do when faced with emergency situations.

In order to prepare and be prepared for the safety of our students, staff and visitors various drills are held during the school year, including but not limited to building lockdowns, severe weather, fire and earthquake.

In addition to the emergency management plan, the school district has one School Resource Officer, who is assigned to Metcalfe County Schools. He is a sworn law enforcement with all the powers and duties of any other law enforcement officer. The School Resource Officer is an important part of the school safety team and when available will respond during an emergency situation.

While it is impossible to foresee all potential emergency situations, we continually prepare to best respond to emergency situations. School safety is a shared partnership between school, parents, community and emergency services/support agencies.

Schools are prepared to care for your children in critical situations. We will keep and care for your children as long as necessary. We have staff members who are first-aid/CPR certified to administer necessary medical care until medical services arrive. Also, each school has an RN and access to a district APRN at all times of the day.

If you hear of school emergencies, follow these procedures:

1. TURN ON YOUR LOCAL RADIO STATION (99.1 The Hoss). We will provide accurate and updated information as it is available.
2. PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SCHOOL. We have limited phone lines that must be used to respond to the emergency.
3. DURING EMERGENCY DO NOT DRIVE TO SCHOOL, streets and access to the school may be congested. Emergency and disaster personnel must be able to get to the schools.
4. METCALFE COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL ISSUE A "ONE CALL" providing information to the parents about the emergency situation. Specific directions will be given in the one call as how parents are to respond to the emergency.