

Safety and Security Information Southern Public Schools

All schools in the state of Nebraska must adhere to the rules and regulations under Rule 10 (Accreditation guidelines for Nebraska Schools). Each school system in Nebraska must have a school safety and security committee, which includes representatives of faculty, parents, and the community. The committee must meet at least annually to review safety and security plans and procedures. During our annual safety and security meeting in August, our safety and security committee recommended sharing our required safety information for Southern Public Schools with both parents and patrons. The following is a breakdown of our required safety drills that must be conducted during a given school year:

- 1) Fire Drills – One fire drill must be conducted monthly with one additional drill being conducted during the first 30 days of school.
- 2) Tornado Drills – One drill must be conducted during the first two weeks of school and the second drill during the month of March.
- 3) Bus Evacuation Drills – Two drills during the school year involving any students or staff members that ride the bus for any extra-curricular activities, field trips, bus routes before and after school. It is recommended that one drill occur during the first month of school.
- 4) Lock-Down Drills – There are no state statutes that require a certain number of lock-down drills to be conducted throughout the school year. We currently conduct two lock-down drill a year (One is an announced drill and the other one is an unannounced drill).
- 5) Evacuation Drills – There are no state statutes that require a certain number of evacuation drills to be conducted throughout the school year. We currently conduct one evacuation drill a year.
- 6) Drug Dog Searches – There are no state statutes that require a certain number of drug dog searches to be conducted throughout the school year. We currently have the drug dog out once a semester to conduct a sniff on both student lockers and student vehicles.
- 7) Safety & Security Visit – Every school is required to have a safety and security visit. Bruce Lang, the Chief of Police in Beatrice, conducts our visit once a year and he provides suggestions that our safety and security members review.

Your child's safety is of utmost importance to all of the faculty and staff at Southern Public Schools. The district has made great strides over the years to improve safety in our district. For the 2018-2019 school year, we are going to have an active shooter training for all Southern staff members in October and we are going to send two administrators to a threat assessment training this fall. The school board also approved the use of QCPUF funds to replace all of the glass doors at the Jr./Sr. High School. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the safety information at Southern Public Schools.

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Link (Rule 10): https://www.education.ne.gov/legal/webrulespdf/CLEANRule10_2015.pdf

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