WEST OSO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Our number one priority at West Oso ISD is the safety and security of our students, staff, and community. While our district has always been committed to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for our students, we continuously review our current safety practices and evolve to ensure that we are constantly doing our very best to keep students safe. Over the summer, the 88th Legislature passed a comprehensive Safety and Security Bill, House Bill 3 (HB3). This bill included the requirement to have trained armed Security personnel at all district campuses at all times. West Oso ISD will accomplish this through a combination of trained armed Security from the Southern Security Company in collaboration with the Corpus Christi Police Department. In addition to having full time security staff at each campus, we will have an additional security guard to provide relief to the officers for lunch so that our campuses are secure at all times.

We will also be implementing a few additional security measures this year:

- 1. Students will each receive an identification badge. Once all badges are made, students will be required to wear their badge at all times when on campus and on the bus. This will ensure that the only students at our campuses are those who are registered in our district.
- 2. The district website, <u>www.westosoisd.net</u>, will provide up to date, live information in the event of an emergency, whether that be from an internal or external threat. You will access this information by clicking on this link on the right side of our home screen:

Security Tracker

As your Superintendent, I want to assure you of my personal commitment to the safety and well-being of our students and staff at all times. Last year, the district participated in a total of four audits including three by the Texas School and Safety Center, and a three-year audit. Based on those results, West Oso ISD will continue to implement the following during the 2023-2024 school year:

- 1. All exterior and interior doors will remain locked.
- 2. The district will replace and/or repair doors that require upgrades.
- 3. Improved communication through the Raptor Two system, as well as an increased number of walkie talkies and security cameras.
- 4. Continued implementation of the West Oso ISD Safety and Security Committee. Parents are encouraged to participate on this committee. Please reach out to your campus administrator if you would like more information. The committee meetings are always open to the public.
- 5. Emergency response teams trained on each campus.
- 6. Increased safety drills on each campus.
- 7. Daily exterior door audits on all campuses by campus administration, security personnel, and the maintenance department.

- 8. All West Oso ISD staff trained in emergency response protocols including Fentanyl overdose and the use of Narcan professional development.
- 9. Online reporting system for threats and concerns. To access this system, go to: https://www.westosoisd.net/Safety-&-Security.

Anonymous Reporting of incidents of Cyberbullying, Threats, or Mental Health Concerns

All of us have a part in keeping each other safe. Students can use anonymous reporting to alert campus staff if a student is a harm to self or others. Students or parents can submit reports such as bullying, cyberbullying, depression, dating violence, drug or alcohol use, threats against the school, weapons on campus, and more. All messages submitted remain completely anonymous.

Anonymous Incident Report Form

We take ALL threats seriously and deem them all as credible until fully reviewed with law enforcement and determined otherwise.

As an additional safety measure, our district will continue to implement a procedure for all parents/guardians, visitors, and guests who attempt to enter our school campuses. A driver's license, or government issued ID card, will be required for access to our buildings, which will be through the front door entrance ONLY. No outside lunch may be delivered/brought to campuses. For birthday celebrations, campuses will allow outside treats during the last hour of the school day. These celebrations need to be prearranged with your student's teacher and the campus administration.

We will continue to explore enhancements to our existing plans and brainstorm additional measures to keep our students and staff safe. Please contact your campus principal or Ms. RJ Alvarado at the WOISD Safety & Security Office at (361) 806-5900 with any safety or security concerns or any suggestions for improvement.

Thank you,

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Superintendent of Schools