

Narragansett School Safety

It is very important to balance sufficient school security efforts and provide students a healthy, nurturing, normal school environment. We have worked diligently to create a climate in which adults and students trust and respect each other. To the best of our abilities, our students understand their expectations, feel connected, and receive the behavioral and mental health support they need. With that in mind, here are our safety procedures, crisis prevention efforts, and latest reinforcements to those efforts.

School Safety Procedures:

- Limited access to the school building (designated entrance with all other access points locked from the exterior).
- Visitors report to the office to sign in and wear a badge.
- Staff members wear ID badges.
- The office is equipped with Walkie Talkies which are on throughout the day.
- The staff on recess duty carry Walkie talkies to allow communication to the office.
- All classrooms and offices have phones.
- There is a Walkie talkie in each wing.
- All school buses are equipped with radios and videos.

Crisis Prevention efforts

- We have worked closely with local community resources to develop a plan of action.
- Administrators have had crisis training with Gorham Fire and Police personnel.
- We have a Crisis Team (and alternates) who are trained for specific roles.
- We have had training drills for all staff for fire, lockdown, and evacuation with the school resource officer, maintenance, and police.
- We have had lockdown drills with students, staff, maintenance and Gorham PD.
- We debrief with Gorham PD and maintenance following each drill.
- Students have been taught about kindness and antibullying techniques.
- Some students receive social skills training.

Reinforcing school safety

- We use the Code of Conduct as a framework for peaceful conflict resolution and positive interpersonal skill development.
- We focus on developing positive, healthy relationships, student to student, student to staff, and staff to staff.
- We have a school counselor and a social worker available to students, staff, and parents.
- Staff and students will report any unusual or concerning individuals or behavior.

(Some information above is from the National Association of School Psychologists.)