

ZACHARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAFETY

The Zachary Community School District has a strong relationship with the City of Zachary, Zachary Police Department, Zachary Fire and Rescue Department, Lane Regional Medical Center and State and Local Emergency Preparedness Office. Through a multi-year project, the Zachary Community School District schools will have updated emergency plans. SafePlans is a national homeland security consulting firm that specializes in providing the technology, tools and training needed to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from incidents that impact daily operations. Through proven strategies, innovative thinking and the latest technologies, SafePlans integrates emergency management and homeland security best practices to safeguard people and places. This system builds upon our existing programs and provides our district employees and public safety partners with technology that can help make our schools even safer and more prepared. The Safer School Programs leverages the SafePlans Emergency Response Information Portal, which is a secure-all, hazards preparedness application designed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In the Zachary Community, all stakeholders make the safety and well-being of our students and staff our top priority.

FAST, RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS



Blackboard

The Zachary Community School District utilizes Blackboard Connect to reach our stakeholders in order that we may provide effective emergency notifications and community outreach through phone, email and text.

FACILITIES



The Zachary Community School District provides a first level of security at each of our school sites, including fencing, gates, locks, cameras and security monitors. Each school has multiple security cameras with the ability to monitor cameras in real time via a dedicated monitor in the front office and the principal's office. Elementary schools are being upgraded with electronic door locks in the lobby that prevent access to main building/classrooms.

CRISIS PLANS

District and school level Crisis Management Plans are being implemented and are reviewed annually by school and district level administration and by the Mayor's office, Police and Fire departments.

RAPTOR VISITOR SYSTEM



The Zachary Community School District utilizes the Raptor Visitor System in each school. This system requires visitors to scan a driver's license at the front desk of the school. The software scans for any criminal background, and allows our schools to manage visitors.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

School Resource Officers are assigned to each school. The Zachary Community School Board contracts with the City of Zachary in order to staff these positions with Zachary Police Officers. This resource cuts our response to emergency time significantly as the officers have open communication channels to first response emergency personnel.