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**THE LINDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
***EDUCATING EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY***

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**LINDALE ISD DETAILS SAFETY AND SECURITY PLANS**

The Lindale Independent School District will have a full time, armed, and trained police officer at every campus starting the 2022-2023 school year. The LISD Police Department was established in 2015 with three Officers. Now, it is an agency of six Officers.

“I am extremely excited for the opportunity to have a Lindale ISD Police Officer assigned to each of our campuses this year,” said Joey King, Lindale ISD Police Chief. “Having an Officer assigned to each campus provides another layer of protection for our amazing students and staff. I would like to thank the LISD Administration and Board of Trustees for all of their support in this venture. This is solid proof of Lindale ISD's commitment to keeping the safety and security of our students and staff as a top priority.”

All Lindale ISD Police Officers have completed the Active Shooter Response for School-Based Law Enforcement class, including training beyond the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center (ALERRT) program as a part of our current safety and security standards.

Lindale ISD officers are equipped with handguns and other firearms, medical supplies, and specialized tools to assist in the event of an emergency. Security cameras inside and outside of all schools provide live access to front office staff and police. Lindale ISD works closely with

our local law enforcement agencies and fire department to coordinate prevention and response activities and perform regular security audits. Lindale ISD Police Officers, the Lindale Police Department, the Smith County Sheriff's Office, and Smith County Precinct 5 Constables will regularly patrol campuses. Lindale ISD has also implemented a new program that will allow law enforcement to eat at our campuses for free.

Lindale ISD's comprehensive security program addresses prevention, intervention, preparedness, emergency response, and building security. Lindale ISD will routinely review safety and security procedures and make adjustments when necessary. We are constantly exploring new and creative ways to enhance existing security measures.

"Our campuses are great instructional sites for our students," said Stan Surratt, Lindale ISD Superintendent. "It is almost always calm, quiet, and peaceful but we can't become complacent or relax our standards in terms of being aware and secure. We have enhanced our security at every campus and we will be having more safety training for our staff. We are adding many more safety checks and measures to guarantee the safety of all. Our students and staff will be safer than ever before."

Other current features of Lindale ISD schools:

- Crossing Guards direct vehicle and pedestrian traffic
- Full-time nurses at each campus have access to medical supplies, protective gear and equipment
- Automated External Defibrillator (AEDs)
- Epi-Pens or epinephrine (used to treat severe allergic reactions)
- Albuterol (bronchodilator that relaxes muscles in the airways and increases air flow to the lungs)
- Emergency first aid kits including tourniquets and Stop the Bleed Kits
- Comprehensive guidance and counseling program focusing on the whole child, including support for students' mental, social and physical needs
- District has a contract for random visits of K9 interdiction covering drugs and powder detection
- Security apps such as Stopit, CopSync, Raptor, and FirstNet
- Walkie Talkies at all campuses

- Breaching tools at all campuses
- Tasers for all Lindale ISD Police
- Door Buzzer Security Systems

Lindale ISD recognizes the need to balance an open and welcoming atmosphere with the need to assure stability and continuity, to safeguard against disruption of the educational process, and to ensure the security of the schools. The principal has the authority to make decisions about all visitors to schools and classes, using the following guidelines during a regular school day:

- All visitors must check in at the front office and have proof of identification. A visitor's temporary badge will be issued for that day only.
- Visitors will not be permitted to access hallways, gymnasiums, cafeteria, classrooms or hallways without permission and be in the presence of a school employee.
- Parents/Guardians listed on Skyward may drop off food in the office for their student. No outside food deliveries are permitted.
- Guest speakers, student teachers, substitutes, or any other all-day visitor accessing the school during a school day must be cleared by a background check in advance of the day they will be on campus.
- Visitors must conduct themselves in a professional and school appropriate manner. Failure to act appropriately will result in the visitor being asked to leave or escorted off the premises by the School Officer.

The safety and security of our students and staff is a team effort and we rely on the continued support of students, parents, and the community to keep our school district safe.

“We are so blessed in this community and in our school system,” said Surratt. “We have such wonderful students and staff plus super supportive parents and community members. Working together, we can and will provide an environment for our children and staff that we can all be proud of.”

For more information, visit <https://www.lindaleeagles.org/security>.

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