

FOCUS ON SCHOOL SAFETY

KY SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 8-12, 2025

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TOOLKIT

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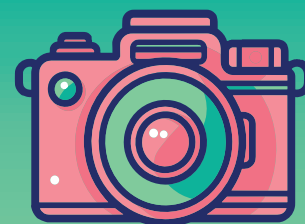
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The following pages are a portion of the activities available online to “celebrate” Kentucky Safe Schools Week

The Kentucky Center for School Safety (KCSS) is excited to announce the theme for Kentucky Safe Schools Week is **“Focus on School Safety”**, scheduled for **September 8-12, 2025**. This year’s theme emphasizes the critical need for constant vigilance and proactive measures in maintaining secure learning environments across the Commonwealth.

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Kentucky Center for School Safety encourages schools across Kentucky to participate.

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Introduction

Here are a few things to know about this year's KY Safe Schools Week

Kentucky Safe Schools Week is set for **September 8-12, 2025**.

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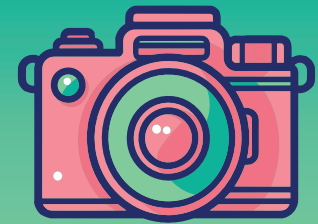
Join us and participate in this year's campaign to “Focus on School Safety” in your school, home and community. Take the online “Focus on School Safety” pledge.

During Safe Schools Week the KCSS website supplies a variety of teaching aids along with the online pledge and Kentucky Safe Schools Week Toolkit loaded with resources, lessons and ideas. Resources will also be available for school administrators and others at www.kycss.org/safe-schools-week

The Kentucky “Focus on School Safety” campaign is sponsored by the Kentucky Center for School Safety. This observance coincides with the national campaign. America's Safe Schools Week is sponsored by the National School Safety Center. “I encourage all Kentuckians to

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get involved and encourage one another when it comes to school safety. School Safety is our first priority and shining a light on all areas of need, compliance and initiative improves our culture and environment. “Focus on School Safety” entails great character and engaging in school safety practices with dedication. Join our Focus on School Safety Campaign and show Kentucky's brilliance across the commonwealth.” said Jon Akers, Executive Director, KCSS.

Let's make the “Focus on School Safety” campaign the best ever!



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KY Safe Schools Week Web Pages

On these web pages, you will find many resources and materials for your KY Safe Schools Week campaign, including:

KY Safe Schools Week Pledge

- Take the “Focus on School Safety” pledge, check your district stats and print your very own certificate

Safe Schools Week Promotional Materials

Join the celebration in your school, town and county using these promotional materials:

- Community Promotion Materials
- KY Safe Schools Week Toolkit and Daily Announcements
- Classroom Lessons and Handouts
- Elementary School Lockdown Workbook
- Logos and Posters for Promoting KY Safe Schools Week

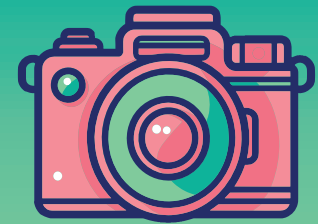
Safe Schools Week Highlights

- View photos and videos capturing KY Safe Schools Week participation

Safe Schools Week Classroom Resources

- Find a wealth of teacher and administrator resources — lessons, games, handouts, videos and more using the KY Safe Schools Week theme: “Frame The Positive,” “Zoom In On Kindness,” “Adjust Your Focus,” “Capture Responsibility” and “Develop The Full Picture”

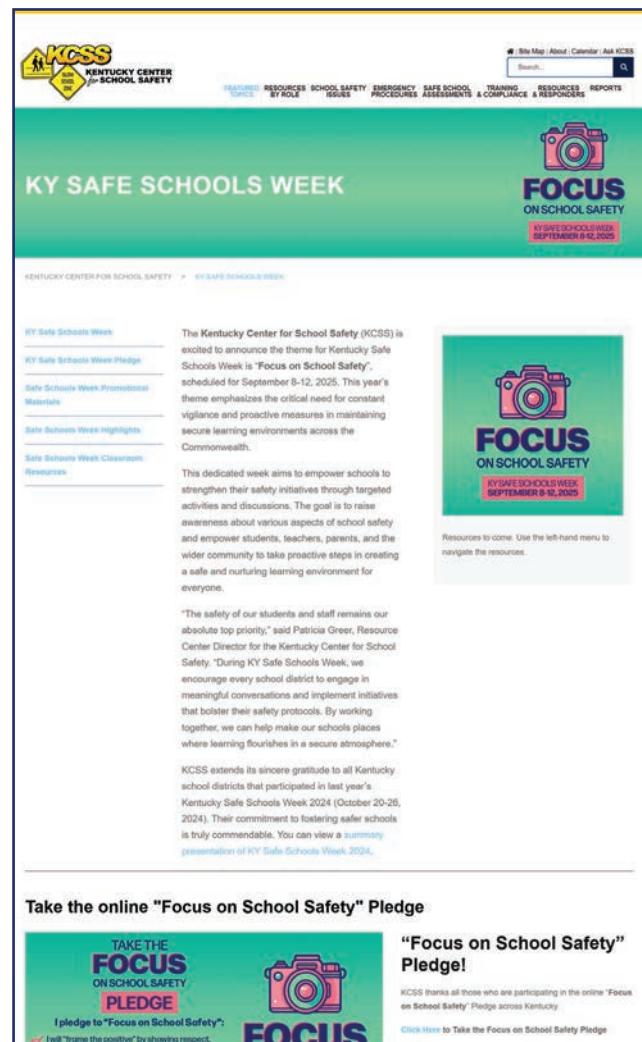
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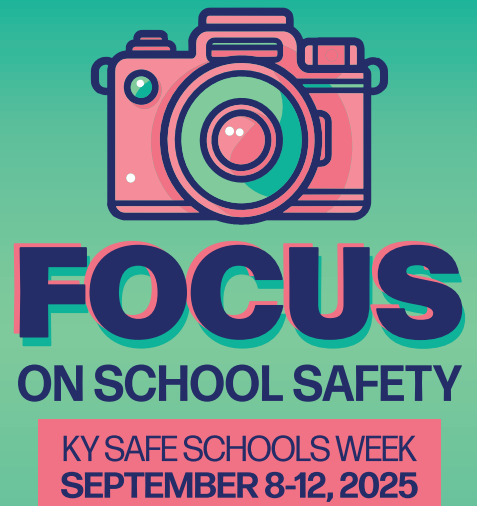


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“Focus on School Safety” Pledge



Quick Tip:

Share this link with your students, staff and community as you encourage participation in our “**Focus on School Safety**” Pledge.

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Take the “Focus on School Safety” Pledge at:
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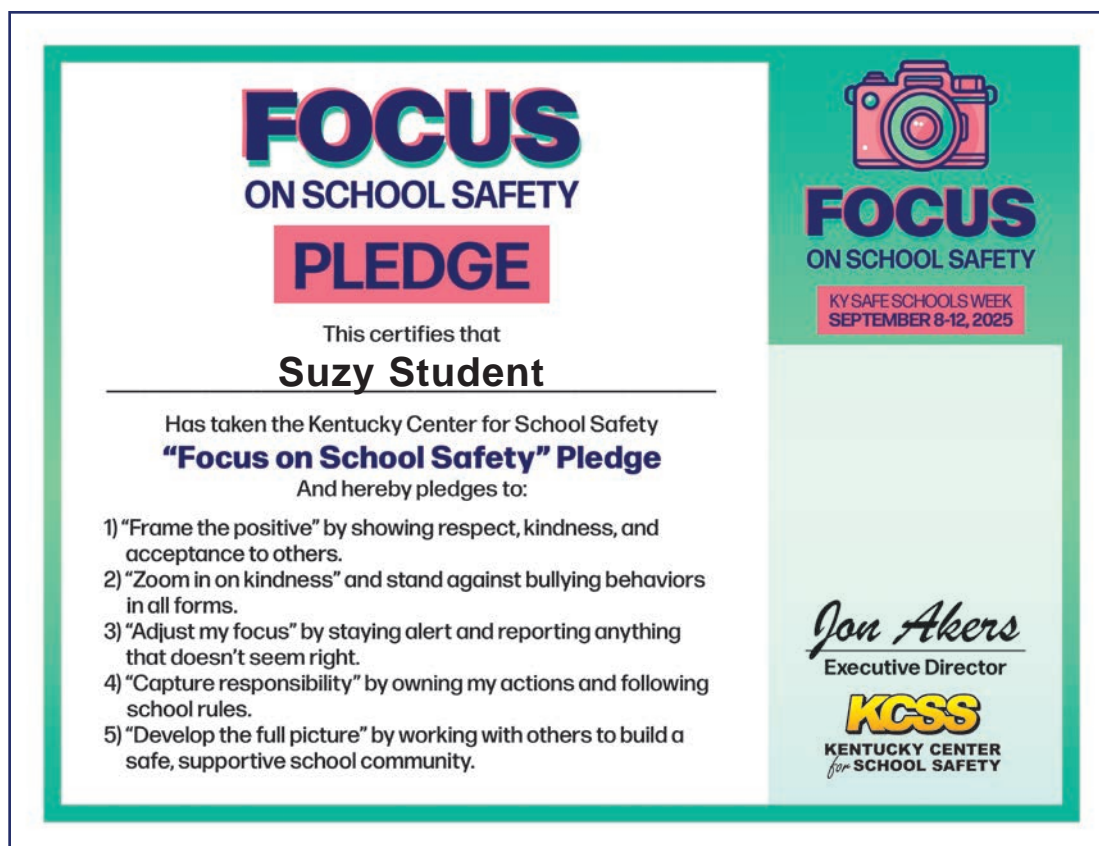
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“Focus on School Safety” Pledge Certificate



Completing the “Focus on School Safety” Pledge:

After you have completed the pledge, a link will allow you to print your personalized certificate. Display it proudly on your wall for others to see. You can print, save or screenshot the completed certificate online or in classrooms, to put on bulletin boards and in hallways. Share your certificate on social media: #FocusOnSchoolSafety



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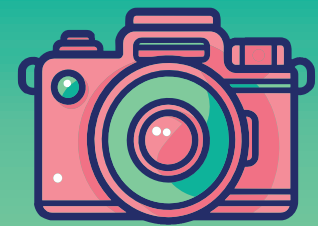
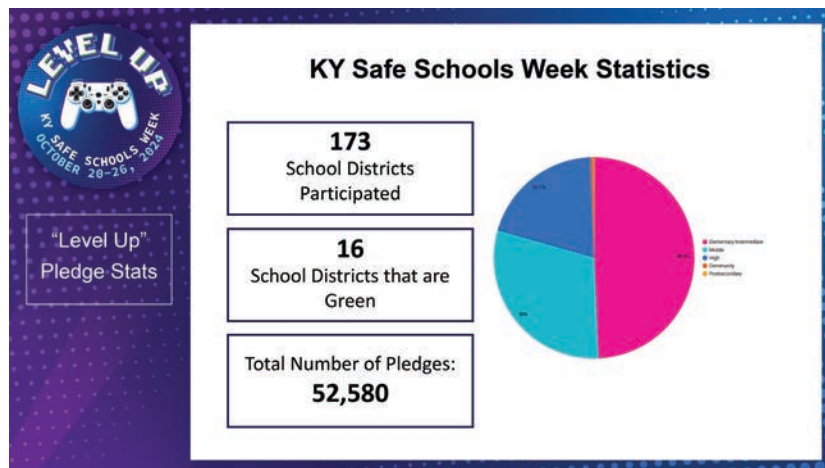
“Focus on School Safety” Pledge Results

Visualizations

Visualizations can be accessed on the “Focus on School Safety” Pledge Results page (updated every 15 minutes):

- Numerical Pledge Chart
- Alphabetical Pledge Chart
- Student, Educator, Parent Bar Chart
- Elementary/Intermediate, Community, High, Middle Bar Chart
- Elementary/Intermediate, Community, High, Middle Pie Chart
- Student, Educator, Parent Pie Chart

Below you can find last year’s pledge statistics.

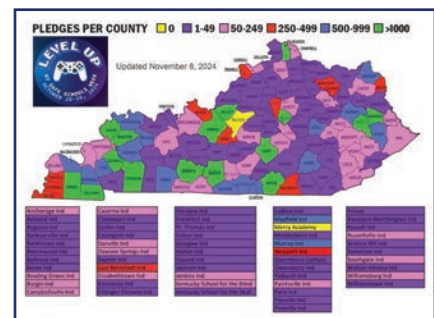


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Pledge Map

Also check out your district’s status with the pledge map (updated daily).



Did you know?

Wow! Last year, there were over 52,000 total pledges. Help us make the “Focus on School Safety” Pledge even more successful!

Check out the pledge stats

on www.kycss.org/safe-schools-week/pledge-results to see how your district is doing



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KY Safe Schools Week Poster



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Quick Tip:

Share these posters with fellow teachers, administrators and community members to increase awareness of KY Safe Schools Week. You can include these posters as email attachments, share in virtual meetings or hang them on the wall for others to see. A black-and-white version is also available.

To view this resource, visit "Safe Schools Week Promotional Materials"



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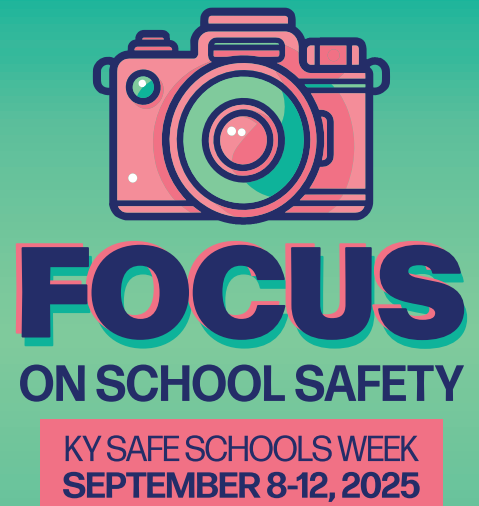


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How to Take the Pledge Handout



Quick Tip:

Display this handout in the teachers' work room, in the hallway on bulletin boards and places where community members can feel empowered to take the online "Focus on School Safety" Pledge. A black-and-white version is also available.

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Print your online pledge certificate
 to confirm that you took the pledge

Encourage others
 including fellow teachers, students, parents and community members to take the online pledge

Spread the word!

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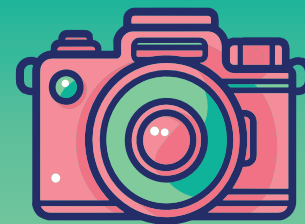
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Sample Press Release



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Quick Tip:

Customize the verbiage on this press release template to reflect your school's name as you highlight KY Safe Schools Week, and send to local media outlets.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE:
Contact:
Phone:
Email:

(name of district) ENDORSES KENTUCKY SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

(Name/title) today officially proclaimed September 8-12, 2025, as (district/town) Safe Schools Week.

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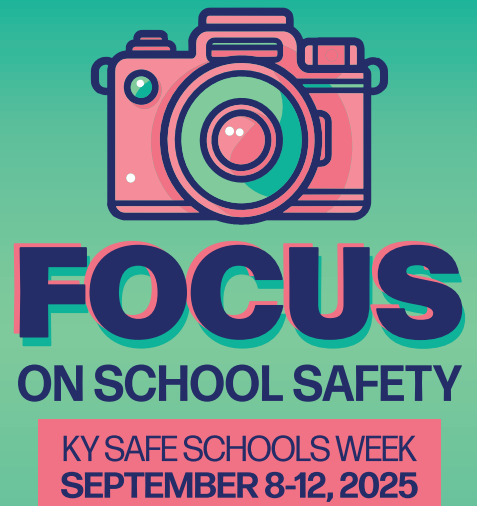


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Public Service Announcement (PSA)



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This sample script is a great way to publicize KY Safe Schools Week through radio or in-house news programs. Simply change the wording in the script to reflect your campaign activities, and submit it to your local stations or news team.

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PSA SCRIPT

Kentucky Safe Schools Week Campaign
September 8-12, 2025

“Focus on School Safety”

Announcer: YOUR DISTRICT NAME knows that safe schools promote effective, productive citizens, and building Kentucky’s future should be everyone’s concern. September 8-12, 2025 is Kentucky Safe Schools Week.

The DISTRICT NAME schools have joined together with the entire community to pledge to work for a safe nurturing school environment.

Announcer: All Kentuckians play an important role in school safety efforts. Visit the Kentucky Center for School Safety website, www.kycss.org to take part in this year’s “Focus on School Safety” Campaign. This year’s theme emphasizes the critical need for constant vigilance and proactive measures in maintaining secure learning environments across the Commonwealth.

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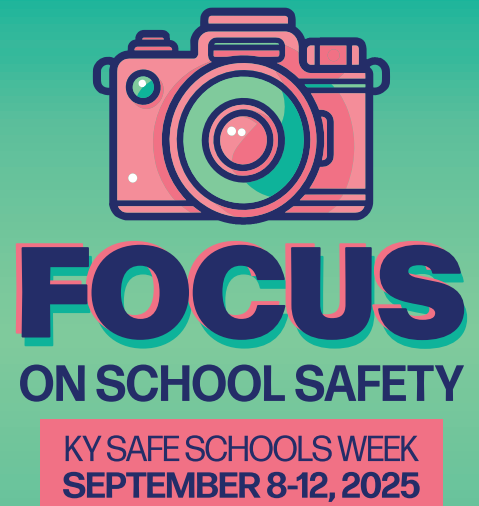


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Daily Announcements



Quick Tip:

These daily announcements can be read to students and staff over the course of KY Safe Schools Week to increase awareness of the “Focus on School Safety” campaign.

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Kentucky Safe Schools Week Daily Announcements 2025

(School announcements to encourage involvement in Kentucky Safe Schools Week)

Day 1

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Please show your support and take the online pledge (insert information about where students are taking the pledge in your building).

Day 2

Remember this is Kentucky Safe Schools Week and we want you to join in and be part of the solution in our school to make it safe and enjoyable for everyone.

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Remember our actions affect others. Be intentional with your actions today. Focus on School Safety.

Day 3

Remember this is Kentucky Safe Schools Week.

Please show your support and take the online pledge (insert information about where students are taking the pledge in your building).

If you hear or see something, say something by using our school’s tip line. To send a tip, visit the S.T.O.P.! Tipline on our school’s website, or call or send a text to 866-393-6659.

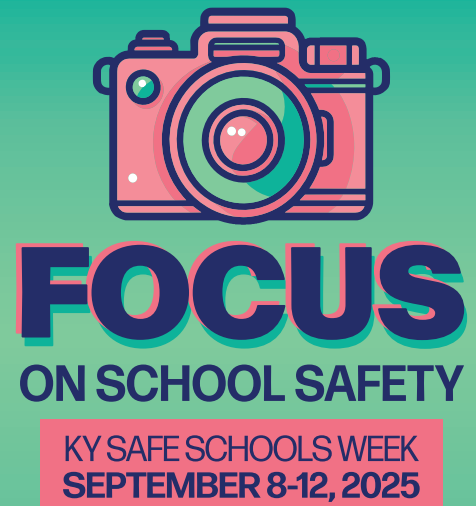


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Proclamation Sample



Quick Tip:

Personalize the wording to reflect your school and community during KY Safe Schools Week, and have local government leaders sign your proclamation.

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Proclamation

To All Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, schools make substantial contributions to the future of America and to the development of our nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible, and productive citizens; and
- WHEREAS, excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure, and peaceful school settings; and
- WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of many students, teachers, and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism, and absenteeism in our schools; and
- WHEREAS, all leaders-especially those in education, law enforcement, government, and business-should eagerly collaborate with each other to focus public attention on school safety and identify, develop, and promote answers to these critical issues; and
- WHEREAS, numerous schools and school districts throughout the country, along with national programs, are among those innovative answers; and
- WHEREAS, the observance of Kentucky Safe Schools Week will substantially promote efforts to provide all our nation's schools with positive and safe learning climates; now, therefore, be it

Now, therefore, we, do hereby proclaim September 8-12, 2025 as
“KENTUCKY SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK”

And encourage all fraternal, legal, government and professional associations, students and educators in Kentucky schools to formally adopt similar resolutions and proclamations so that we may enthusiastically work together to make our schools safe, secure, and peaceful places for learning, teaching, and working, free of drugs, alcohol, weapons, and fear.

Done this ___ day of _____ in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

County Judge Executive

Mayor, City of _____, Kentucky

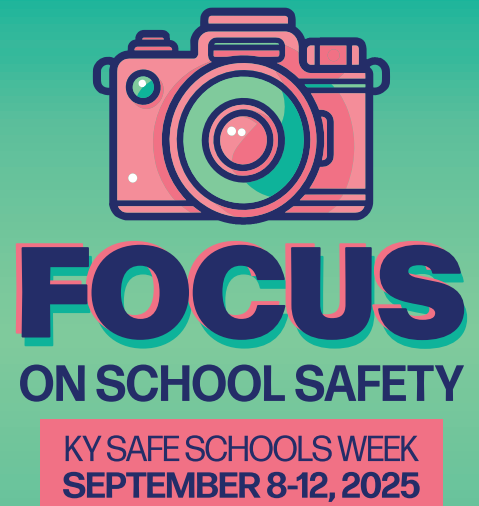


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Bookmarks Promoting KY Safe Schools Week



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Quick Tip:

These bookmarks are great for spreading the word about your KY Safe Schools Week campaign. This bookmark includes text from the online "Focus on School Safety" Pledge. A black-and-white version is also available.

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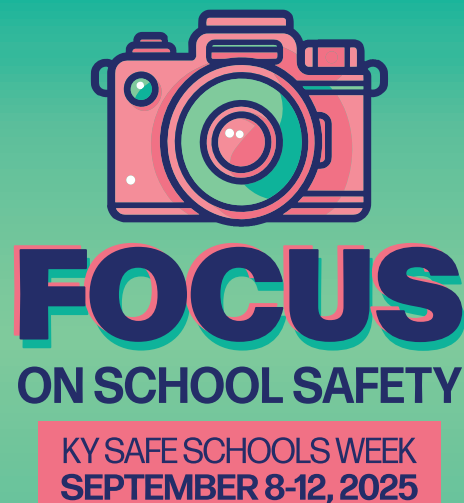
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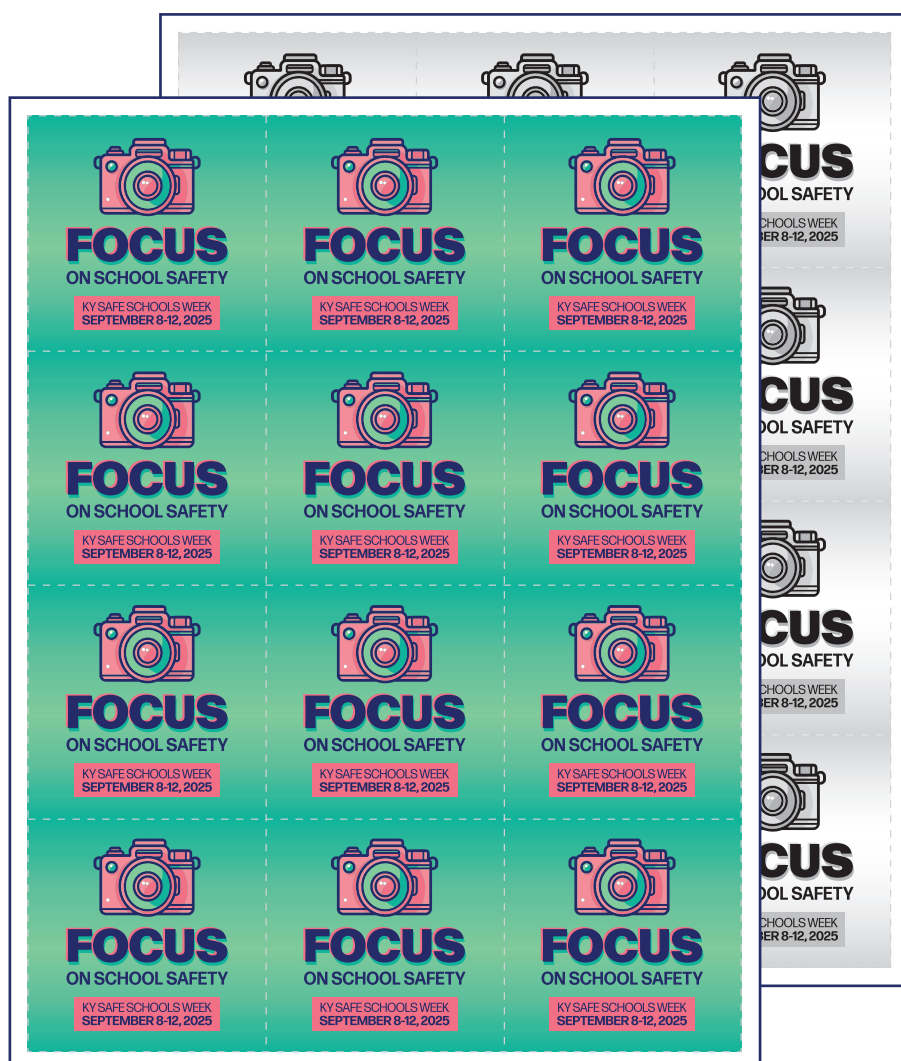
Quick Tip:

Print these on sticky paper and cut-out or laminate. Use them for your KY Safe Schools Week campaign participants to proudly wear during your events. A black-and-white version is also available.

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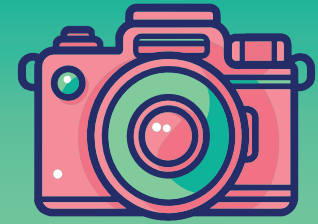


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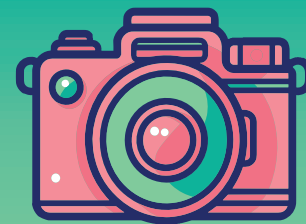
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School Name

CERTIFICATE

is hereby granted to:

Student Name

For creating a feeling of community and friendship in our school

Presenter's Name and Title

Date:

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Customize and hand out as awards at the end of KY Safe Schools Week. A black-and-white version is also available.

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Elementary School Lockdown Workbook

Introduction:

Lockdowns and other safety drills are part of a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan. Each school engages in actions designed to mitigate loss in response to a safety threat.

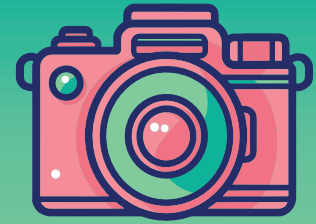
Lockdowns are designed to protect and secure students and staff from a variety of dangers in and around school. Once the school is secure the purpose is to keep the threat out or contained.

Lockdowns can save lives and are considered best practice when responding to specific threats.

Lockdowns can be associated with the presence of law enforcement and create perceived danger even during drills. Being aware that lockdowns may produce anxiety, stress, or trauma for students or staff, careful planning is critical.

In an elementary school setting, lessening fears, stress or trauma associated with lockdowns/drills is the goal of planning lessons, discussions, parent communication and practice.

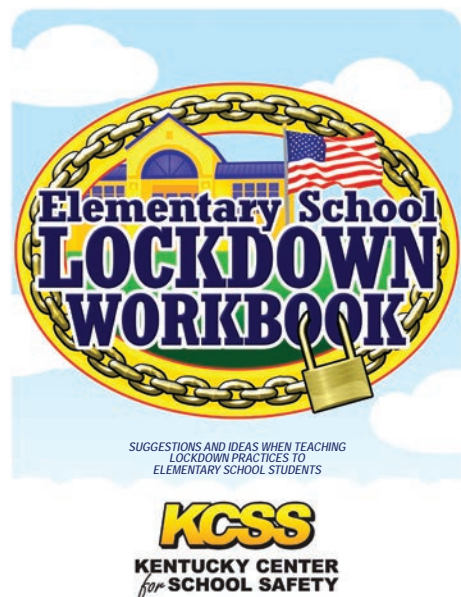
Each class is unique and the considerations that should be planned for are: age, disabilities, English language learners and those who have experienced trauma. The classroom teacher is best suited to develop specific lessons/instructions for his/her class. This workbook provides ideas and samples to assist in preparing that specific classroom plan.



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Elementary School Lockdown Communication with Parents/Guardians Sample letter

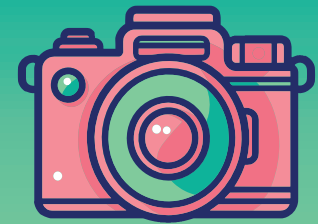
Quick Tip:

Partnering with Parents:

Communication is key to a great partnership when working with parents/guardians on practicing emergency response procedures.

Ideas for avenues of communication:

- Information can be printed in agenda books or planners to introduce parents and other partners to emergency drills and practice procedures.
- It is essential to inform parents before the first lockdown drill is conducted (with a letter or newsletter, etc.). Remember to alert parents on subsequent lockdowns.
- Your school website can include an explanation of the law. Mention the considerations made when preparing for lockdown practice such as age, disability, English language learners and those who have experienced trauma.
- Social media can also be used to make the community aware that your school practices safety. Don't post specific information about lockdowns or procedural information.



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Date

Letterhead

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school's highest priority is the safety of our students and staff. In order to ensure the safety of our students, it is necessary that we practice our emergency and crisis response plans. These plans are required by state statute to conduct a minimum of two lockdown drills each year so that students know their role during a potential threat.

These lockdown drills are designed to protect students from danger in a school building. They are intended to secure a school and to keep out a threat. They also require students to stay in place (away from windows and doors). The types of emergencies that could require a lockdown drill include the possible presence of an intruder; a dangerous situation taking place in the school building; a spill or other type of accident that could pose a threat to the safety of students and staff.

We will be conducting this year's first lockdown drill on (enter either week or date) during the second half of the year.

A few notes about the drill:

- Before the drill, teachers will use age-appropriate lessons with their classes and walk the students through the procedures. This review and practice will help to alleviate unnecessary stress or anxiety.
- On the day of the drill, we will announce reminders prior to the actual drill to ensure that all students/staff feel prepared.
- During the drill, no one will be permitted in or out of our school. This closure may last for 10-15 minutes.
- The lockdown drill is meant to be practice only, and not stressful or scary in nature.
- Teachers will reflect upon the drill with students after it has been completed.
- Members of the (Your School Safety Team) and (Sheriff's Office or Police) will be observing the drill and debriefing with staff.

When talking with your children at home about lockdown drills and safety procedures, you don't have to be specific about the types of emergencies that require a lockdown; you can just explain to your child that this is one of the safety drills all schools practice. When we partner with you to protect our children, these drills become a smooth, uneventful practice that develops into a habit, supporting fast, efficient procedures in case of a threat or emergency.


We hope that we will never have to utilize this procedure in a real situation, but it is important for us all to walk through the process of staying safe at school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call ().

Sincerely,

The (Name) Safety Committee
(Principal)

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This letter is only a guide and it is the responsibility of each school to revise/create a letter to meet the needs of your school and situation.



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Safety Star Stickers

Quick Tip:

Debrief and Encourage:

Say... "I feel good about practicing safety at school, do you?" Allow for questions... and discuss answers.

Next "Excellent you are all safety stars. Today, you get stickers to wear home that say you are a SAFETY STAR- "We practiced Safety at School".

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Safety Star Large



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Quick Tip:

Designated Spot:

The area in your classroom that is farthest from the windows and door will be your designated spot. You can use this star to mark where the students should assemble during a lockdown drill. It can be left up all the time or used only when a drill is scheduled. Students will remember the visual and this will help them find the spot quickly. This coordinates with the “Safety Star” lesson.

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Lockdown Poster

Quick Tip:

Be a Lockdown S.T.A.R.:

Use this poster as a visual reminder of the lockdown procedure. It can be a stand-alone lesson or it can follow the "Safety Star" lesson. Post it prominently in your classroom and review it frequently.

Visual reminders are a great teaching tool and can lessen stress because it shows the order and routine of a lockdown practice/drill.

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**LOCKDOWN
S.T.A.R.**

**Shut and cover
windows**

Turn off lights

**Act quietly
and walk to
the safe spot**

**Reach the spot,
sit still, and wait for
"all clear"**

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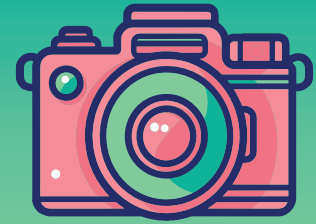
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Lockdown Poster Coloring Page



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Activity Sheet:

As you review the lockdown poster share this coloring page with your students.

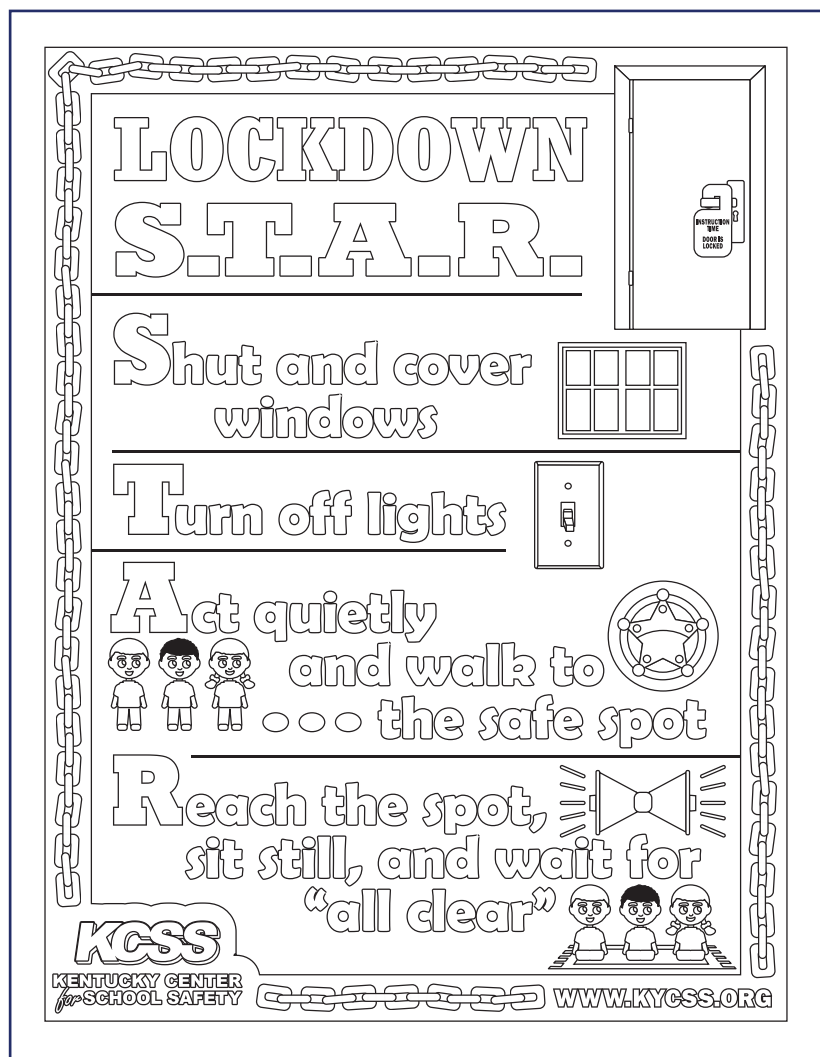
Have them color and then turn on the back and make their own poster to explain a lockdown drill.

This is a school-home connection piece. As it goes home with the students, parents can review the steps and discuss the procedure with their child.

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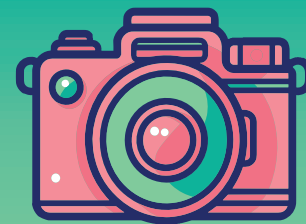
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Magnifying Glass Activity



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Quick Tip:

Teaching Tool:

To use this teaching tool with your students:

- Cut pattern out of paper (card stock is preferred). If card stock is available, that will make the magnifying glass stronger.
- Popsicle sticks or tongue depressors taped to the back of the handle will also give the magnifying glass structure.

Students enjoy hands-on teaching tools and this sparks their memory and imagination.

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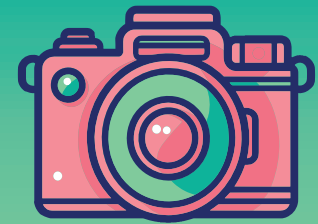
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Safety Detectives Handout



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Quick Tip:

Activity Handout:

This handout can be used as a group activity as the teacher talks to the students about each of the four pictures. This will allow them to work as a class, discussing the topic or use as an assignment at their desk. Gold stars are fun and recommended for covering the safety items but drawing a star will also do nicely. On the back the students can draw other safety items they see at school.

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Directions: Draw a star or place a star sticker over the safety items you find in each of the four pictures, also list these safety items under each picture.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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Instruction Time Door Hanger

Quick Tip:

Safety Tool:

This door hanger print-out sheet is available to use on classroom doors during instruction. If schools/teachers choose to use them, it reminds students/staff that the reason the door is locked is that classroom instruction is taking place.

The door hanger makes it less stressful for a student who tries to enter a room and a locked door hinders their entrance.

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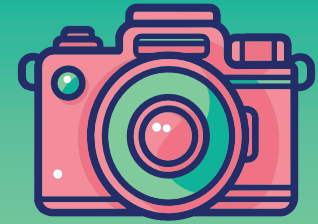


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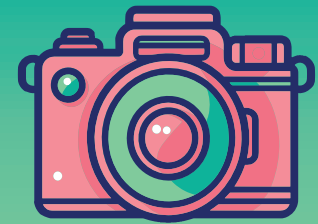
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Calming Strategies Links



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Calming Classroom Ideas:

This page offers various links and ideas to be used as calming strategies in your classrooms. Calming strategies for students should be used with lockdown drills/practices. It is recommended that they are taught in advance and practiced regularly during and outside of drills.

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Calming Strategy Links and Ideas for All Classes

- Yoga <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYQv8-7Ut1E&app=desktop>
More yoga <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Td6zFtZPkj4&feature=youtu.be>
- Yoga with Adrienne (and her dog Benji) www.youtube.com/user/yogawithadrienne
- Cosmic Kids Yoga Adventures www.youtube.com/watch?v=nn65ltvntp4
- 5-minute cardio video <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=R0mMyV5OtcM>
- Spend some time relaxing in Yellowstone National Park <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VyhG3ypG5s&feature=youtu.be>
- Online jigsaw puzzle www.jigsawplanet.com
- Digital coloring www.coloring.com/pictures/geo-portrait
- Preschool and Kindergarten:
 - Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame Street (This is a great app to help young kids with calming strategies.)
- Things to do without technology:
 - *Writing/drawing: Ask students to write or draw a picture showing how they felt during the drill. This can be done while listening to calming music.
 - *Play-doh
 - *For students who may need their own space, a calming corner is a great place for them to "get away" for a few minutes. See [Appendix I: Calm Down Strategies after Safety Practice](#) for print-outs to hang in your calming corner.
 - **Write your own calming song as a class to the tune of a familiar song. This one is to the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat."
 - Let's sing our calming song and get back to our place. Practice, practice, practice, practice. This helps keep us safe.



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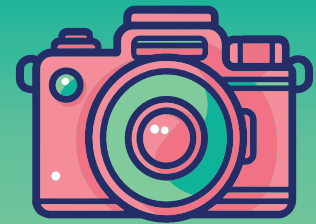
Calm Down Handout:

After a safety practice or as a stand alone activity, a teacher can discuss calming activities and the fact that each student has a choice of which one works best for them. After the students use the calming strategy the handout can be turned over and the child can draw other ideas of how they calm down in other stressful situations. This gives students and parents (when it goes home) ideas for calming strategies during high anxiety. This handout can also be used as a poster.

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I can choose after a safety practice



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Lockdown Sign for School Door

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Lockdown Sign:

This sign can be used on access doors to the school during a lockdown practice or an actual lockdown. When this sign is used consistently, visitors are given a visual prompt about safety procedures.

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**This
School
is in
Lockdown
Mode**

**NO ONE CAN ENTER
AT THIS TIME!**

We Practice School Safety Regularly

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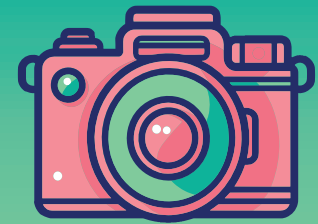
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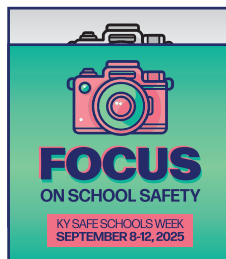


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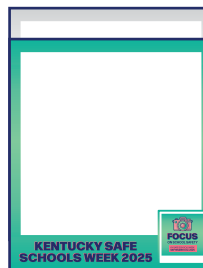
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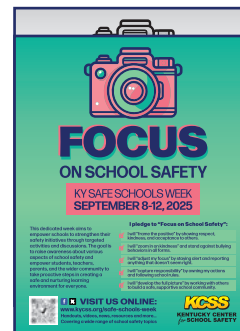
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CHILD PROTECTION HOTLINE
1-877-KYSAFE1
1-877-597-2331

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE
988
1-800-273-8255

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE
1-888-373-7888

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NATIONAL HOTLINE
1-800-799-SAFE
1-877-799-7233



Emergency Contacts Poster

“Nothing can dim the light which shines from within.”

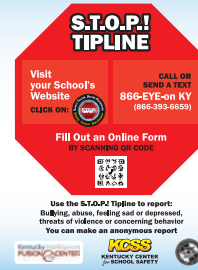
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KINDNESS.
It costs nothing but means everything.

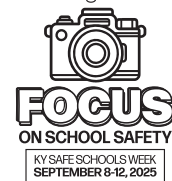
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IF YOU HEAR OR SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING



Homeland Security S.T.O.P.! Tipline Poster

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Focus on School Safety Coloring Sheet

Quick Tip:

Post these around school to increase awareness of KY Safe Schools Week. Black-and-white versions are also available for many posters.



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KY Safe Schools Week Coloring Sheet



Quick Tip:

Use these sheets to emphasize the “Focus on School Safety” campaign as you discuss KY Safe Schools Week. Another idea is to allow older elementary students to have a coloring contest.

To view this resource, visit “Safe Schools Week Promotional Materials”



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I pledge to “Focus on School Safety”:

- ☐ I will “frame the positive” by showing respect, kindness, and acceptance to others.
- ☐ I will “zoom in on kindness” and stand against bullying behaviors in all forms.
- ☐ I will “adjust my focus” by staying alert and reporting anything that doesn’t seem right.
- ☐ I will “capture responsibility” by owning my actions and following school rules.
- ☐ I will “develop the full picture” by working with others to build a safe, supportive school community.



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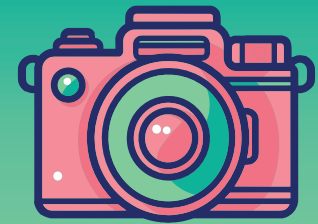
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Website resources: “Frame The Positive”

Resources... “Frame The Positive” Include:

- Administrator Checklist
- The CASEL Guide to Schoolwide Social and Emotional Learning – CASEL
- Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)
- Program Guide from CASEL for SEL Programs – CASEL
- Trauma-Informed Toolkit – KDE
- Teacher’s Guide: Empathy (Grades 3 To 5) – KidsHealth in the Classroom
- Sources of Strength Program – Sources of Strength
- S.T.O.P.! Tipline - Safe School Reporting Tool – Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
- Trauma-Informed, Resilience-Oriented Schools Toolkit – National Center for School Safety
- Handle with Care Notification System – The Kentucky State Police
- Bark Monitoring Tool for Schools – Bark
- Telling Vs. Tattling Handout – KCSS
- Free Hotline: What You Can Do to Help End Bullying – National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- KCSS SEL Website Page – KCSS
- Global Game Changers Student Empowerment Program – Global Game Changers
- Green Dot – Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc. (KASAP)
- Bystanders to Bullying – StopBullying.gov
- Becoming an Upstander to Bullying Just Got Easier! – StopBullying.gov
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- Bystander Video – StopBullying.gov



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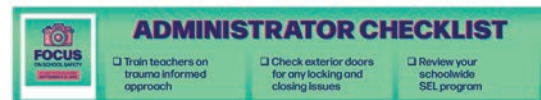
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FRAME THE POSITIVE - BUILD A SAFE SCHOOL CULTURE



THE CASEL GUIDE TO SCHOOLWIDE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING



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COLLABORATIVE FOR ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (CASEL)



Learn more

PROGRAM GUIDE FROM CASEL FOR SEL PROGRAMS



The adoption of evidence-based programs is key to providing consistent, high-quality SEL opportunities for all students. To support educators in selecting a high-quality SEL program, our Program Guide serves as a Consumer Report-style product list (describing well-designed, evidence-based SEL programs) (see Introduction through high schools) and the impact they have on student and/or teacher outcomes.



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Website Resources: “Zoom In On Kindness”

Resources... “Zoom In On Kindness” Include:

- Administrator Checklist
- KCSS Cyber Bullying Handouts – KCSS
- KCSS Bullying Handouts – KCSS
- Bullying Prevention Checklist – KCSS
- Random Acts of Kindness Foundation
- Caring as Classroom Practice – Social Studies and the Young Learner
- Compassion Activities-Common Sense Education Links – Common Sense Media
- Games That Teach Sharing – KET
- Books About Sharing – Common Sense Media
- 9 Tips for Teaching Kindness in the Classroom – PBS Learning Media
- Prevent Bullying and Show Kindness-Kindness Catcher – National Bullying Prevention Center
- KCSS SEL Website Page – KCSS
- “Kindness Counts” Bookmarks – KCSS
- Cyber Bullying – Kindness – NetSmartz
- Learn R.E.S.P.E.C.T. with the WonderGrove Kids! – WonderGrove Kids
- A Bad Case of Bullying: Using Literature Response Groups – Read Write Think
- Getting Along – KidsHealth in the Classroom
- Thinkfinity- High Interest Novels Teaching Respect – Read Write Think
- Culturally Responsive Teaching – Edutopia



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ZOOM IN ON KINDNESS – PREVENT BULLYING



☐ Review the district code of conduct on the procedures for identifying, documenting, reporting bullying, investigating and responding to bullying (KRS 158.148 Section 5 (e))

☐ Is your threat assessment team established and trained?

KCSS CYBER BULLYING HANDOUTS



KCSS BULLYING HANDOUTS



BULLYING PREVENTION CHECKLIST

Jon Adams, Executive Director of KCSS, offers suggestions for principals to consider when establishing and implementing interventions within their respective schools. This is not an assessment tool, and it is a good start for principals to reflect and act accordingly. (KCSS Handout)



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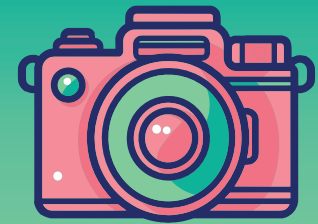
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Website Resources: “Adjust Your Focus”

Resources... “Adjust Your Focus” Include:

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- **Telling Vs. Tattling** – KCSS
- **Stopbullying.gov Website** – Stopbullying.gov
- **FBI Safe Online Surfing** – FBI
- **Cyberbullying Fact Sheet** – Cyberbullying Research Center
- **The Owing Up™ Lessons** – Owing Up
- **YouTube Animated Story of Spookley (A Helpful Pumpkin)** – YouTube
- **Conflict Resolution: Helping Others and Ourselves** – PBS Learning Media
- **The Ned Program Website** – The Ned Program
- **Terroristic Threatening Handout** – KCSS
- **Threats at School Handout** – KCSS
- **Calm, Cool, & Consistent: Keeping Civility in the Classroom** – NEA
- **Classroom Management Approaches to Support School Connectedness** – CDC
- **Green Dot** – Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc. (KASAP)
- **Bystanders to Bullying** – StopBullying.gov
- **Becoming an Upstander to Bullying Just Got Easier!** – StopBullying.gov
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ADJUST YOUR FOCUS - STAY ALERT AND AWARE



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Website Resources: “Capture Responsibility”

Resources... “Capture
Responsibility” Include:

- **Administrator Checklist**
- **Elementary School Lockdown Workbook – KCSS**
- **Classroom Response Kit – KCSS**
- **Meet the Helpers – PBS Learning Media**
- **KCSS Flipchart App – KCSS**
- **KCSS Lockdown Website Page – KCSS**
- **KCSS Emergency Guide Website Page – KCSS**
- **KCSS Other Useful Materials and Links – KCSS**
- **KCSS Reunification Resources – KCSS**
- **Disaster Hero Activity – Common Sense Media**
- **Ready Kids Curriculum – Ready.gov/kids**
- **Ready Kids Disaster Dodgers Video – Ready.gov/kids**



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CAPTURE RESPONSIBILITY – OWN YOUR ACTIONS



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCKDOWN WORKBOOK

KCSS – KCSS is excited to offer this newly developed Elementary School Lockdown Workbook, designed to help teachers and students understand and prepare for emergency situations. The workbook includes a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan. Through the workbook, teachers are able to develop specific instructions for their classrooms, which will be used in the event of an emergency. The workbook provides clear and simple steps to assist in preparing that specific classroom plan.

KCSS FLIPCHART APP

KCSS Kentucky Center for School Safety provides the KCSS Flipchart, which includes emergency response procedures for K-12 schools. School emergencies are unexpected, unpredictable and can take many forms. The Kentucky Center for School Safety offers this quick and easy reference guide (KCSS Flipchart) for immediate response and is not a complete school safety plan. This quick reference guide uses FEMA's four categories of school emergencies.

CLASSROOM RESPONSE KIT

KCSS – Each classroom should consider developing a “Response Kit” to have available for use during an emergency situation. Items in the kit should not be used for anything other than emergency preparedness training activities. The kit should be portable and easily accessible for use in an emergency. Contact KCSS for more information.

KCSS LOCKDOWN WEBSITE PAGE

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MEET THE HELPERS

Many children have questions and can feel uneasy when emergency occur in their communities. The Meet the Helpers Toolkit is designed to introduce “helpers” and explain the roles they play in emergency situations. Included in the toolkit are videos and hands-on activities that provide educators and families with developmentally appropriate resources for young children.

KCSS EMERGENCY GUIDE WEBSITE PAGE

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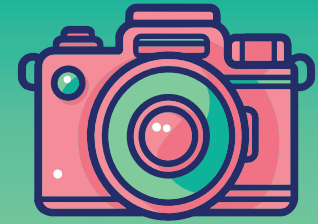
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Website Resources: “Develop The Full Picture”

Resources... “Develop The Full Picture”
Include:

- **Administrator Checklist**
- **Device Advice: Onboarding for School-Issued Devices** – Common Sense Media
- **Digital Well-Being: Middle School Lessons** – Common Sense Media
- **Digital Well-Being: High School Lessons** – Common Sense Media
- **Lesson Plans** - NetSmartz
- **Cyberbullying Research Center Information** – Cyberbullying Research Center
- **TikTok Handout** – KCSS
- **Selfies and Self Esteem Handout** – KCSS
- **Sexting Handout** – KCSS
- **KCSS Cyber Bullying Handouts** – KCSS
- **Cyber Bullying - Kindness** – NetSmartz
- **FBI Safe Online Surfing** – FBI
- **StopBullying.gov Website** – StopBullying.gov
- **Cyberbullying Fact Sheet** – Cyberbullying Research Center
- **Lesson Plan for Elementary School Children** – Pacer
- **Olweus Bullying Prevention Program** – Olweus
- **Pacer Middle/High Videos** – Pacer
- **KCSS Cyber Bullying Website Page** – KCSS
- **KCSS Internet Safety Website Page** – KCSS
- **KCSS Social Networking Website Page** – KCSS
- **Thinkfinity- High Interest Novels Teaching Respect** – Read Write Think
- **Counselors & Media Specialists Bullying Book Discussion Guide** – Random House Inc.
- **A Frill A Minute – Video** – PBS Learning Media



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DEVELOP THE FULL PICTURE - WORK TOGETHER



ADMINISTRATOR CHECKLIST

- ☐ Review transportation: pick up and drop off effectiveness
- ☐ Review supervision: active and effective
- ☐ Review front of office gatekeeper scripts and visitor protocols

DEVICE ADVICE: ONBOARDING FOR SCHOOL-ISSUED DEVICES

Common Sense Media - Help students get ready to use tech for learning in the classroom. Whether it's their first ever school-issued device or they're reassessed each semester, it's always helpful to remind students about responsible tech use. From device care to practicing active listening and avoiding device distractions, these quick lessons will help you set up a positive culture for students with tech in the classroom. [Click](#)

DIGITAL WELL-BEING: MIDDLE SCHOOL LESSONS

Common Sense Media - Research-based lessons to support student social-emotional learning and digital well-being. Media and tech have a way of amplifying the stress that young people face on a daily basis. But why is that the case? And more importantly, what can they do about it? Students just taking a break from their phones? Support students' digital well-being with this set of evidence-based lessons. Each is designed to share these tools with students and educators.

DIGITAL WELL-BEING: HIGH SCHOOL LESSONS

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- Cyber Bullying
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- School Violence
- Internet Safety
- Social Networking
- Resources
- Lockdown
- Emergency Guide

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KCSS BULLYING AND HARASSMENT WEBSITE PAGE

KCSS - Bullying prevention strategies and resources. Bullying is a devastating form of abuse that can have long-term effects on its victims, lowering their self-esteem, isolating them from others and even prompting health problems.

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KCSS CYBER BULLYING WEBSITE PAGE

KCSS - Cyber bullying involves the use of information and technology such as e-mail, instant messaging, the publishing of defamatory personal websites, and online personal polling websites that are used to support conscious, willful, deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by one or more people with the intent to harm others. Online harassment or threatening is cyber bullying and it is on the rise.

[Website](#) [@](#)

KCSS SEL WEBSITE PAGE

KCSS - This page includes some resources that are available that will hopefully help promote and incorporate empathy in your lessons as you make it an integral part of each school day. When others' feelings become important their safety and well-being will be a priority. Resources listed include lessons, activities, kits, handouts, PowerPoints, videos and more.

[Website](#) [@](#)

KCSS SCHOOL VIOLENCE WEBSITE PAGE

KCSS - School violence can be prevented. Research shows that prevention efforts - by teachers, administrators, parents, community members, and even students - can reduce violence and improve the overall school environment. No one factor in isolation causes school violence, so stopping school violence involves using multiple prevention strategies that address the many individual, relationship, community, and societal factors that influence the likelihood of violence.

Prevention efforts should ultimately reduce risk factors and promote protective factors at these multiple levels of influence. (Center for Disease Control and Prevention)

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KCSS INTERNET SAFETY WEBSITE PAGE

KCSS - The Internet is a wonderful tool which puts the world and all its information at our fingertips. Much of this information has been available for a long time through public library access or other means. Indeed, many of these sites have been in operation for a number of years.

However, this ease of access is paving the way for massive growth in Internet-based crime such as identity theft and predators. Most of these sites also provide an opt-out feature for you to remove or manage what information is available, though it may take some clicking around to locate it.

[Website](#) [@](#)

KCSS SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITE PAGE

KCSS - Social networking has become the "get to know your friends" means of communication for the majority of teen students today. Because of the anonymity of this global resource, areas of concern reach a higher level of danger. As students share their life through this open to the world means of communication the chances of problems escalate. Not only is there a freedom of expression but it seems it is a new avenue to push acceptance or non-acceptance to a realm that is really inconceivable with extreme consequences. Below are resources to help educate and prepare students in this ever-evolving area of communication.

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KCSS RESOURCES WEBSITE PAGE

KCSS - The KCSS Resource Center locates and evaluates information regarding school safety practices from KCSS research, national databases, the Internet, education journals and other resources to keep the KCSS and the citizens of Kentucky on top of current information and trends.

Various handouts, reports and links are provided assisting interested school personnel, law enforcement officers and

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Promoting KY Safe Schools Week in Your School

When promoting Kentucky Safe Schools Week in your school, here are a few things to consider:

- Every school is unique, and therefore the campaign should be adjusted to fit individual needs.
- Using the theme “Focus on School Safety” incorporates the needed safety precautions for our students.
- Try to involve all students in the campaign. Everyone is needed to help make the school a safe place.

Various school districts across Kentucky have great ideas about how they plan on promoting KY Safe Schools Week this year. Here are just a few of the many ideas:

- Some schools use the **Daily School Announcements** on the PA system or Closed Circuit TV.
- Some have a spirit day where everybody can participate and “Focus on School Safety” and they **wear the school’s logo or ball team shirts**. Schools also print stickers for students to wear or attach to their notebooks. Have students **take the pledge before school or at lunch**. Also, students could **wear a theme color** to emphasize school safety. Don’t forget to send us a picture and we will put it on the website.
- A school could focus on a different part of the “Focus on School Safety” Pledge... “frame the positive,” “zoom in on kindness,” “adjust my focus,” “capture responsibility,” and “develop the full picture” each day

during SSW lunch and have **handouts and resources with posters and bookmarks** available for the students. A club or the SRO could man the display table, just an idea...also a computer for the students to **take the pledge** could be available at this time.

- Some schools have a service club that **paints a large banner** to go up in the lobby of the school along with other activities throughout the week.
- Some of the media specialists **have the bookmarks available** for students in the library during SSW week and devote the computers before and after school for students to take the online pledge.
- Others **post the pledges in the halls and on the walls** along with some of the handouts about bully prevention, cyber bullying, sexting, conflict/bullying, telling/tattling as reminders to the students during this week.
- TRTs and computer teachers **use the cyber bullying and digital citizenship resources** during SSW and talk about self-control and self-esteem online. They use STLP students to **teach some of the younger students** about acceptable use of technology and helping them take the pledge.

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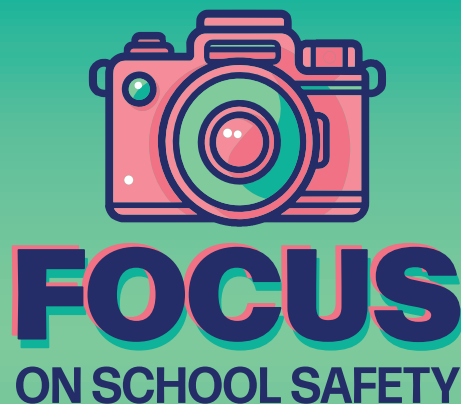
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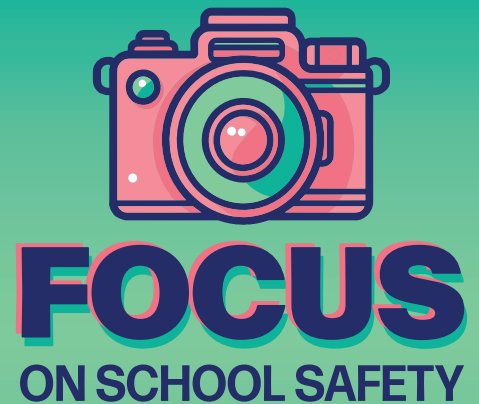
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Tips on Using KY Safe Schools Week Handouts

Here are some tips on using any of the KY Safe Schools Week Handouts to help you get the word out about your campaign:

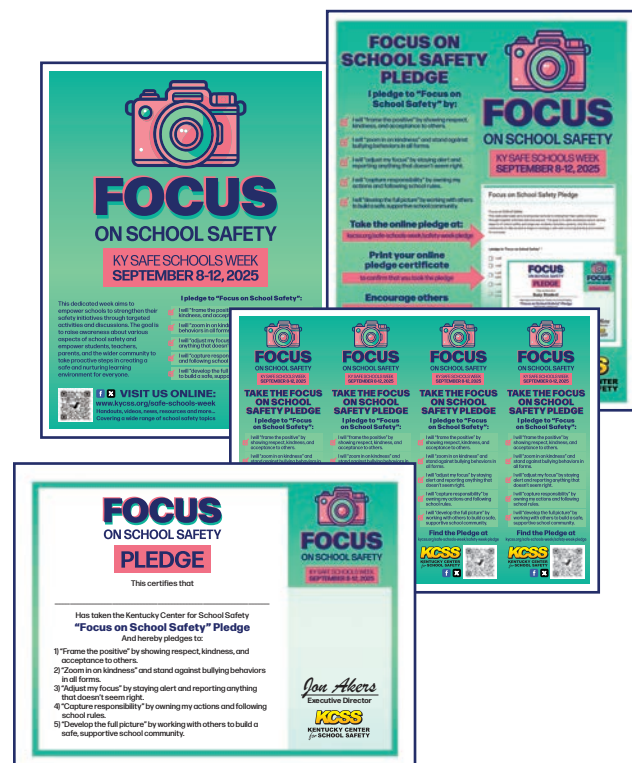
- Have the handouts **displayed in your offices for parents** and others to see and pick up or read online
- **Post handouts on school websites, social media feeds or in virtual classrooms** sharing with parents, teachers and community
- Parents can **share handouts with their children in a one-on-one talk about school safety**, and discuss how they can be part of this year's theme "Focus on School Safety"
- Put information from the handouts into your **school newsletter, classroom packets or website** (you can break up the information over the course of several editions)
- Students can use the information from handouts to **write an article about keeping schools safe** in their school newspaper
- Use elements from the handouts for **planning lessons** (this information can be adapted for different age groups)
- Counselors: Use the handouts in **one-on-one talks with parents and students** about safety issues either in-person or virtual visit
- Remember to **share photos that align with "Focus on School Safety"** of students and staff holding coloring sheets or standing in



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front of a bulletin board. Don't forget to **send us any respect or kindness pictures** you may have. #FocusOnSchoolSafety

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KCSS Flipchart App

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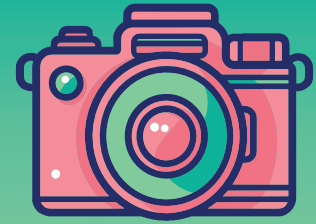


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Kentucky Center for School Safety provides this KCSS Flipchart, which includes emergency response procedures for K-12 schools.

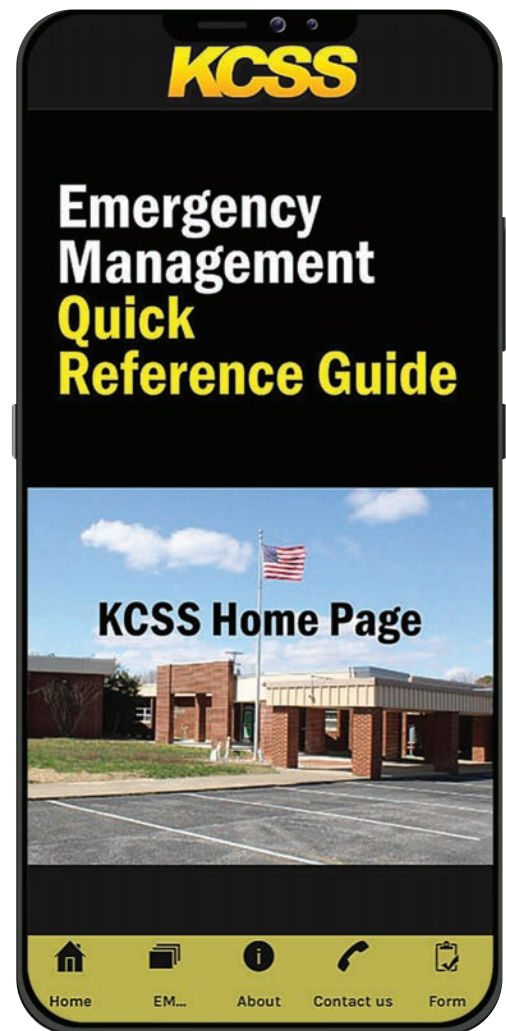
School emergencies are unexpected, unpredictable and can take many forms. The Kentucky Center for School Safety offers this quick and easy reference guide (KCSS Flipchart) for immediate response and is not a complete school safety plan. This quick reference guide uses FEMA's four categories of school related emergencies.

This resource includes an alphabetical list of emergency response protocols and subsections for easy access to information when needed.



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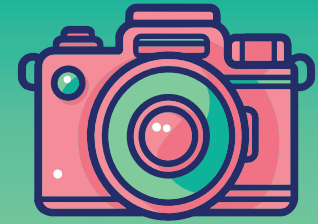
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More KCSS Web Pages

Below are some of the many pages with resources located at www.kycss.org:

Bullying and Harassment	www.kycss.org/school-safety-issues/bullying
Bus Safety	www.kycss.org/resources-and-responders/bus-safety
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Hotlines	www.kycss.org/hotlines
Internet Safety	www.kycss.org/school-safety-issues/internet-safety
Resources by Role	www.kycss.org/resources-by-role
School Resource Officers	www.kycss.org/resources-and-responders/school-resource-officers
School Violence	www.kycss.org/school-safety-issues/school-violence
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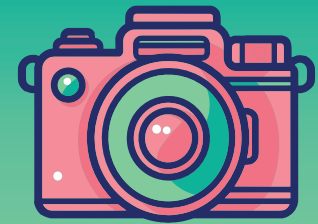
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Inside this Toolkit, you **will find:**

- Posters
- Media Releases
- Bookmarks
- Proclamation
- Online Resources
- And more



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This dedicated week aims to empower schools to strengthen their safety initiatives through targeted activities and discussions. The goal is to raise awareness about various aspects of school safety and empower students, teachers, parents, and the wider community to take proactive steps in creating a safe and nurturing learning environment for everyone.

I pledge to "Focus on School Safety":

- I will "frame the positive" by showing respect, kindness, and acceptance to others.
- I will "zoom in on kindness" and stand against bullying behaviors in all forms.
- I will "adjust my focus" by staying alert and reporting anything that doesn't seem right.
- I will "capture responsibility" by owning my actions and following school rules.
- I will "develop the full picture" by working with others to build a safe, supportive school community.

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Take the online pledge at:
www.kycss.org/safe-schools-week/safety-week-pledge

Print your online pledge certificate
to confirm that you took the pledge

Encourage others
including fellow teachers, students, parents and community members to take the online pledge

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
DATE: September 1, 2025
Contact: Patricia Greer
Phone: 275-695-5951
Email: patricia@kycss.org

Kentucky Safe Schools Week
School Safety: This year's proactive measures in main

The dedicated week aims to targeted activities and disc school safety and empower proactive steps in creating

Join us and participate in this year's campaign "Focus on school safety" in your school, home and community. Take the online "Focus on School Safety" pledge.

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<http://www.kycss.org/safe-schools-week/safety-week-pledge>

During Safe Schools Week the KCSS website supplies a variety of teaching aids along with the online pledge and Kentucky Safe Schools Week Toolkit loaded with resources, videos and more. Resources will also be available for school administrators and others at www.kycss.org/safe-schools-week

Proclamation

To All Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, schools make substantial contributions to the future of America and to the development of our nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible, and productive citizens; and

dependent on safe, secure, and powerful school

many students, teachers, and school staff are

crime and violence, such as substance abuse,

time, vandalism, and absenteeism in our

education, law enforcement, government,

collaborate with each other to focus public

identify, develop, and promote answers to

districts throughout the country, along with

by these innovative measures, and

Safe Schools Week will substantially promote

schools with positive and safe learning

claim September 8-12, 2025 as

SCHOOLS WEEK, professional associations, students and educators in

are and proclamations so that we may

safe, secure, and peaceful places for learning,

en, and

Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

County Judge Executive

Mayor, City of _____, Kentucky

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