

EDISON

LOCAL SCHOOLS



Safety Guide

2025-2026

Working Together to Inspire Exceptional Student Achievement



Dear Edison Community,

At Edison Local Schools, the safety and well-being of our students, staff and community is our highest priority. A safe and secure learning environment is the foundation for academic achievement, personal growth and community trust. We know that when students and staff feel safe, they are better able to engage, learn and thrive.

This safety guide reflects our commitment to maintaining a culture of preparedness, transparency and proactive response. It outlines the protocols, procedures and resources we have in place to address a wide range of safety concerns. These include everyday routines as well as emergency situations. Whether you are a parent, guardian, staff member or community partner, this guide will help you understand how we work together to protect our school community.

Inside, you will find information about our school safety teams, communication procedures, emergency drills and visitor protocols. We have designed this guide to be clear, informative and easy to follow so everyone can take part in supporting a safe environment. We are also committed to reviewing and updating our practices on a regular basis. Our approach is guided by the latest research, recommended practices and feedback from local and regional safety experts.

Our district-wide plan depends on collaboration. We work closely with local law enforcement, emergency services, mental health professionals and most importantly, you. Your support and partnership are essential as we continue to focus on safety across all of our schools.

With appreciation for your continued support,

Corey Ream
Superintendent, Edison Local Schools



Physical Safety

Physical safety means protecting everyone who comes onto our campus including students, staff, families and the community from violence, theft and exposure to weapons or other threats. A safe environment allows students to focus on learning and thrive. Below are some of the steps Edison Local School District takes to protect the physical safety of our schools.

- All schools conduct fire, safety and shelter-in-place drills with first responders throughout the school year.
- Video cameras are used to monitor activity at all schools.
- Visitors must sign in and wear a visitor badge while on school property.
- Volunteers must pass a criminal background check.
- A School Resource Officer is housed at Edison High School and police officers from Milan and Berlin Heights are frequently present at Edison Elementary and Edison Middle School.
- Staff have received information on ALICE Training[®], an active shooter response training.
- Threat Assessment Teams are established and trained at each school.
- Staff participate in regular tabletop exercises related to various safety scenarios.
- New locks have been installed on exterior doors to limit the number of keys accessible.
- A new keycard/staff badge system has been installed in all buildings to enhance public access control.
- Stop The Bleed kits and AEDs are housed throughout the district's facilities.
- Hand-held radios capable of communicating across the district are widely available in all buildings for use in daily operations as well as emergency situations.



Social-Emotional Wellness

Social-emotional health is the ability to understand and manage emotions while building positive connections with others. When students and staff are supported socially and emotionally, the risk of safety concerns decreases. Below are some of the ways Edison Local Schools fosters social-emotional wellness for our students and staff.

- The Sources of Strength program, a research-based social and emotional learning curriculum, is taught to students in grades 6-12.
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) is used in classrooms across the district.
- We partner with *Family Life* for counseling support.
- Extracurricular opportunities (clubs and/or sports) are offered at the middle and high schools to engage students in high-interest areas and help them foster relationships.
- District Employees have a licensed social worker to provide counseling services and to coordinate care and support with families.
- Each building has a guidance counselor.
- *Zones of Regulation and Safe and Caring Schools* program in elementary.



Cyber Safety

Technology touches nearly every part of our daily lives, and our classrooms are no exception. At Edison Local Schools, we are committed to helping students become thoughtful, responsible digital citizens while keeping our network secure from viruses and other online threats. Here are some of the steps we take to protect our students and our systems online.

- Use 24/7 monitoring and content filtering for student devices both on and off campus.
- Employ antivirus and antimalware programs to protect staff and student user accounts from being compromised.





Crisis Response

School crises can take many forms from severe weather, power outages and cyberattacks to public health emergencies, the loss of a staff member or student or an active threat on campus. Edison Local Schools partners with local, state and federal agencies to ensure we are ready to respond to any situation that could impact the safety and well-being of our school community. The district:



Building Strong First Responder Partnerships: Fosters good relationships with the first responders serving our schools and communities.



Preparing Through Practice and Planning: Routinely participates in tabletop exercises using hypothetical scenarios to plan for a variety of crises.



Keeping Emergency Plans Current and Ready: Maintains up-to-date Emergency Operations Plans that outline what to do in the event of an emergency.



If there is a crisis, our commitment to our families is that we will communicate with you as quickly as possible while focusing first on the safety of our students and staff. Here is how you can help us resolve a crisis:

Don't

- **Call the school.**

Phone lines may be needed for emergency communication and staff will most likely be coordinating a response, supervising students and communicating with first responders.

- **Go to the school building.**

This can restrict first responders from accessing the building, and in some situations students may be relocated to another location.

- **Share information you don't know to be true on social media or through other means of communication.**

Spreading misinformation will only serve to make the situation worse. The district will provide factual communication at the earliest possible time.

Do

- **Ensure your contact information is up to date in FinalForms.**

We will use this information to communicate updates via text, phone, and/or email as often as possible.



School Closings and Delays

The district strives to keep schools open whenever possible. At times, circumstances may require closing schools, delaying the start of the day or releasing students early. When this happens, we will use our automated calling system to share information quickly. Updates will also be posted on the district homepage, Facebook and local media. Please ensure your contact information is current so you can receive calls and texts without delay.

Deciding to close schools or adjust the schedule is never simple and often must be done hours before students arrive. These decisions are based on current conditions as well as forecasts and expected changes. The Edison Local School District covers about 70 square miles, so conditions can vary greatly across the district and can change quickly.

Families should have a plan in place to supervise children if the school day is adjusted or cancelled. Weather, water or power outages and other unexpected events can occur at any time, so it is best to prepare before the school year begins.

Resources

Safer Ohio School Tip Line

Call 844-723-3764 to report threats to student safety anonymously to school officials and law enforcement. The tip line can be used for:

- Bullying and cyberbullying incidents
- Self-harm or suicidal behaviors
- Verbal or written threats observed toward students, staff or the school as a whole
- Weapons/suspicious devices on or near school property
- Gang-related activity
- Illegal drug use

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988.

Talking to Your Child About Safety:

Parents are the strongest source of comfort and confidence for their children. The way you speak and the actions you take can strengthen trust, ease worries and keep the lines of communication open. Here are some simple, meaningful ways to help your child feel secure and supported at school.



Encourage Speaking Up

Teach your child the importance of “See Something, Say Something.” Help them understand they should share any unusual behavior or concerns with a trusted adult such as a teacher, principal or school counselor whenever something feels off.



Have Daily Conversations

Spend a few minutes each day asking about your child’s experiences at school. This simple habit shows you care and keeps the door open for them to share concerns or ask for guidance.



Offer Reassurance

Remind your child that schools are among the safest places they can be. While tragedies often receive intense media attention, explain that such events are rare and that their school takes safety very seriously.



Reinforce Age-Appropriate Safety Skills

Help your child build safety awareness in ways that match their age and development. Younger children might focus on memorizing their home address and a parent’s phone number. Teens may benefit from honest conversations about safe driving or using social media wisely. Lessons learned at home are often the ones that shape lifelong safety habits.

Please note: Every situation brings unique challenges that can affect how and when we share information with families. No matter the circumstances, our commitment is to keep you informed as frequently and openly as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding if a safety situation arises.

