

MCA Learning Community:

I wanted to take this opportunity to review important reminders related to school safety as we start the third week of school.

- Students in both our Elementary and Junior-Senior High School are subject to entry through our metal detector entrance each morning.
- School security and safety personnel may inspect the contents of any backpack, bookbag, purse, or parcel for the limited purpose of determining whether a weapon or item of concern is concealed therein, in accordance with school policy.
- We ask that all students have their bags and belongings organized to ease this search process and make morning entry as quick and seamless as possible.
- No backpacks are allowed to be carried by students during school hours. *All backpacks must be placed in student lockers immediately upon entry in the JH-SH.*
- Our Junior-Senior High School utilizes a “Large Bag” Room that is located across from the main office for students to store student belongings that would be too large to place in their lockers. (This room is under camera surveillance.)

We have already had incidents related to student items setting off our metal detectors.

Needless to say, no weapon, replica weapon, or any item or instrument that is capable of inflicting bodily injury is allowed to enter our building. Tobacco products including vaping products (Juil and other e-cigarettes) are also not allowed in our buildings.

Our school district will never take the excuse “I didn't know” if a concerning item was found in a student's possession. We ask that all parents and guardians have a conversation with their children about this safety message. Student and staff safety is our top priority. We all must work together to make our schools as safe and secure as possible.

Please refer questions to your building principal or myself in the district office.

Sincerely,

Pete Cheddar