

Communication Sample: School Safety Language

This document is meant to prompt an exercise for school staff to articulate the safety measures in place at their school. In a time of crisis or concern prewritten language about school safety measures can be beneficial when communicating.

At [School Name], we prioritize the well-being of our students, staff, and community. Our comprehensive safety measures and protocols ensure a secure, nurturing environment where learning can flourish. Here's a glimpse into our commitment to safety:

- 1. Secure Campus:** The safety of [School Name] is of paramount importance. We have a Safety Team that meets *quarterly* to review policies and protocols, and we work to continually improve our school safety. Here are the important security measures already in place:

Listed several common security measures below.

- *Secure entry points* with controlled access to ensure that only authorized personnel and visitors enter the premises.
- All visitors *must check in at the main office* and wear *identification badges while on campus*.
- Video cameras are used throughout the property to monitor activity.
- Our school is in compliance with Ohio's Department of Homeland Security expectations.
- [insert name] is on campus as our School Resource Officer.

Review content at <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/safety-security/school-safety> to see if there are additional safety measures you have in place that can be added here.

- 2. Emergency Preparedness:** We conduct regular drills and training sessions to prepare for emergencies, including fire, safety, and shelter-in-place situations. All drills are conducted as required by law and by the Ohio Department of Education. The Safety Team ensures all staff emergency responders are trained to act swiftly and efficiently to safeguard everyone on campus.
- 3. SafeParish Trained and Certified:** Every employee, volunteer, priest and deacon at [School Name] has been trained to protect children against sexual abuse in compliance with the SafeParish system.

- 4. Mental Wellness Support:** We provide access to counseling and support services to address the emotional and mental well-being of our students. Our dedicated school counselor, [insert name], is here to offer guidance and support whenever needed.
- 5. Anti-Bullying Policies:** Our school enforces a strict anti-bullying policy to foster a respectful and inclusive environment. We educate students about empathy, respect, and kindness, and encourage open communication with staff.
- 6. Safety Training for Staff:** All our staff members undergo thorough background checks and receive ongoing training in safety protocols, first aid, and child protection to ensure a safe and supportive environment for every student.
- 7. Parental Communication:** We believe in partnering with parents to enhance school safety. Regular updates and open lines of communication ensure that families are well-informed and involved in our safety practices.

At [School Name], your child's safety is of paramount importance. Together, we create a secure and welcoming space where every student can thrive. For more details about our safety measures and protocols, please visit our website or contact us directly.