

RATTLER SAFETY REMINDERS



Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

START EARLY WHEN IT COMES TO MENTAL HEALTH

- According to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, one in five teens and young adults live with a mental health condition, like anxiety, panic attacks, or depression, and 50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14.
- Make discussing emotions and mental health normal by asking your children how they feel, and reminding them that they can always talk to someone. A few tips are to:
 - Choose a good time and space
 - Stay calm, listen more than you speak, and be patient.
 - Offer small encouraging responses such as: "That sounds difficult," and/or "It sounds like you are feeling sad, are you?"



[SMCISD
Counseling &
Mental Health
Resources Are
Available Here](#)

Senate 12 Parental Consent for Mental-Health Related Services

- This legislation mandates that parents/guardians are fully informed and give permission for care and support. In a serious mental health emergency, staff will still act to protect your child's safety and will contact you immediately. Providing consent allows your child access to timely and equitable services supporting your child's health, safety, wellness, and readiness to learn. Without your consent, staff will be limited in the services they can provide for your child during the school day.

Responsible Gun Ownership and Storage

- If you believe a gun is missing from your home or vehicle contact 911 immediately.
- Guns should be stored unloaded, in a safe, or locked in a container; with ammunition stored elsewhere.
- It is unlawful to store, transport, or abandon an unsecured firearm in a place where children are likely to be and can obtain access to the firearm. Under Texas Penal Code 46.13, a person commits the offense of making a firearm accessible to a child if the child gains access to a readily dischargeable firearm, and the person with criminal negligence if they failed to secure the firearm or left the firearm in a place to which the person knew or should have known the child would gain access.
 - The penalty for allowing a child access to a firearm can range from a Class C misdemeanor (punishable by a \$500 fine) to a Class A misdemeanor (punishable by a \$4000 fine, a year in jail, or a combination of the two).
- Texas exempts the purchase of firearm safety equipment from Texas Sales and Use Tax; in addition, SMCISD has cable gun locks available to families upon request.



**Firearms and/or
other weapons
are not allowed
on SMCISD
property.**

Texas law requires school districts to distribute information to parents and guardians about the safe storage of firearms.

Appropriate Language Reminders

- All threats to students, staff, and facility are taken with the utmost seriousness and will result in elevated disciplinary consequences in accordance with the SMCISD Student Code of Conduct.
- Students are encouraged to report any threat they see or hear to a school staff member, their parent, or through the SMCISD anonymous reporting system.
- Students should never use threatening language such as blowup, kill, shoot, stab, etc. These words are a disruption to the learning environment/school and have the potential to cause a panic.

All threats are reported to the San Marcos Police Department. SMCISD in accordance with Texas House Bill 3 conducts Behavioral Threat Assessments in response to all threats made by students. Behavioral Threat Assessments outcomes may result in additional supports or change in placement.



SMCISD Anonymous
Reporting

Campus Visitor Policy Reminders

SMCISD asks that all visitors practice the following:

- Enter campus through the front office.
- Ring the video doorbell, state name, and reason for visit.
- Present identification: Drivers License/ID, Passport, Uniformed Services ID, Foreign Consulate Card.
 - Copies or photos will not be accepted.
- All visitors accessing campus beyond the front office for school related business are required to sign-in to the Raptor Visitor Management System and place the visitor sticker on their chest. Visitors may only travel to their designated location.
- Exit through the front office, sign-out, return the visitor sticker, and exit through the front door.

SMCISD may eject a person from district property if the person refuses or fails to provide on request identification and it reasonably appears that the person has no legitimate reason to be on district property (TEC §38.022(a), (a-1)).

