

TECH VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
BUILDING SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

I. Statement of Intent

It is the policy of Tech Valley High School (TVHS) to provide for a safe and secure learning and teaching environment for its students and staff through the adoption and implementation of this School Safety Plan which provides:

- Protocols and procedures for addressing emergency situations.
- Policies for responding to threats of violence concerning school district property, facilities and premises.
- Prevention and intervention strategies for students manifesting at-risk behaviors.
- Policies and procedures for contacting law enforcement officials and parents in the event of a violent incident or emergency situation.
- Policies and procedures for school building security and training of students and staff in school security.
- Strategies to improve communication regarding the reporting of violent incidents.

II. Application of BOCES-Wide Plan

The Questar III BOCES-Wide School Safety Plan shall apply to the Tech Valley High School relating to any matter not otherwise addressed in this Building School Safety Plan.

The District Superintendents are authorized to designate person(s) to receive any notice or notification required to be given by this policy to the District Superintendent. Lock Down, Lock Out, building evacuation drills, and other emergency drills will be held as required by the State Education Department. An annual calendar of emergency drills will be prepared, in consultation with the Questar III Director of Health and Safety.

III. Public Information and Media Relations

All contacts from the news media shall be forwarded to the District Superintendents, or his or her designees, for a response. No written materials shall be distributed to the public, media outlets or parents until reviewed and approved by the District Superintendents, or his or her designees. In the event that the emergency procedures provide for explanatory written information to be sent home with students or otherwise transmitted to parents, the District Superintendents, or his or her designees, may direct that appropriate information be prepared. No information shall be distributed unless reviewed and approved by the District Superintendents, or his or her designees.

Reference: Questar III Board Policy 7-100

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