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# CIRCLE of SAFETY



*School safety is everyone's responsibility.*

CMS protects students and staff with a comprehensive approach to safety, well-being and security.

## School should be a safe place for teaching and learning for everyone.

CMS works to keep everyone safe with a variety of measures within the [CMS Circle of Safety](#)

[On November 16, 2018 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools \(CMS\) announced that additional measures](#) would be taken to help keep students and staff safe in schools. Safety screenings have been added to these measures as a deterrent

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and precautionary step.

CMS will soon begin these safety screenings, starting with high schools. **No middle schools or elementary schools will participate in safety screenings at this time.**

**Our goals are to keep weapons out of schools and to minimize class time disruption and distractions from teaching and learning during screenings.**

#### About CMS Safety Screenings:

- High schools will be selected randomly. No individual students will be selected randomly.
- No-touch outline wand and metal detectors may be used; bags will be visually inspected.
- Safety screenings will not be announced in advance.
- Safety screenings may include classrooms, a building, or the whole school.
- All students in a selected classroom, building or school will be screened.
- Safety screenings will be much like screenings at football games and other public events.
- Safety screenings will be conducted by trained staff with support from law enforcement.
- During a screening, no students may leave the school campus.

## Policy Committee Meeting

**February 14, 2019 - 9:30 am**

Government Center, 5th floor

The draft equity policy will be discussed at this meeting. Please join us or watch the live stream on the [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education Facebook Page](#).

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### Safety Screenings Step-by-Step

School should be a safe place for teaching and learning for everyone. CMS is strengthening security and safety measures in our schools with three types of safety screenings. Here is what to expect during a screening.

**Goals**  
Keep weapons out of school.  
Minimize class time disruption.

**3 Screening Steps**  
1 Gather  
2 Screen  
3 Back to Class

Schools and classrooms selected randomly  
No individual student randomly selected.

#### Classroom Screening – all students in randomly selected classrooms

Announce | Gather | No-contact wand or metal detector | Visual bag inspection | Return to desk

#### Building Screening – all students in a randomly selected building

Announce | Gather | Bags on table | Visual bag inspection | No-contact wand or metal detector | Go to class

#### Whole School Screening – all students in a randomly selected school

Announce | Gather | Bags on table | Visual bag inspection | No-contact wand or metal detector | Go to class

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