



Charlottesville High School: Safety and School Procedures, 2024-25

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Overview of Topics

- Cell Phone Policy (“Off and Away the Entire Day”), including state guidance
- Exterior Door Access Control
- Weapons Detectors, for events with anticipated attendance of 250+
- Improved Visitor Management System
- B Commons Bathrooms Construction Update
- E-hall Pass System



Cell Phone Policy

Off & Away the Entire Day

- Clarity and consistency: The school will follow last year's guidance and protocols.

Virginia State Guidance

- We expect to be in compliance with pending state guidelines (draft to be released in Sept).

Communicating the Why

- Less time on phones & social media improves mental health, learning, and relationships.

Supporting with Communication

- We will focus on procedures for when families need to contact the office or their student.

Exterior Door Access Control:

From the inside: If doors are opened or propped without a fob, an area alarm sounds and an alert goes to CSAs and admin.

From the outside: Doors remain locked except to those with fob access.

Installation nearly complete.

Weapons Detectors for Public, Ticketed Events

- Ceia Opengate detectors will be used at public, ticketed events when expected participation is 250 or more
 - Clear bags at all ticketed events
 - Staff training underway
 - Signage and communication underway
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Improved Visitor Management System: Securly

- Used at some elementary schools in 2023-24; will be used at all Cville Schools this year
- The prior system utilized mechanical scanners which were obsolete and expensive to maintain
- Securly also integrates with E-Hall Passes

First Restroom Renovations Underway (B Commons)

All Gender, Single-Stall Toilets with Sinks in Public View

Why?

- Better privacy
- Better accountability

Construction Update

This first project is currently underway and may be finalized during open house events.

Future Plans

- Replicate this model throughout CHS
- This model is in place at the future Charlottesville Middle School

E-Hall Pass System

Better for Students

- Easier and faster to receive passes
- Passes can be pre-scheduled for appointments
- Helps keep students accountable for the frequency and duration of their hall excursions

Easy Use for Staff

- Easier and faster to issue passes
- In emergencies, it provides a list of students not in class
- System automatically limits the number of passes issued for a location and/or time

A Proven System

This system was recommended by staff members who have used it in other school divisions.

Questions?



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