

The safety of our children is of utmost importance to us at TAMOS Education. We try and create a safe, welcoming and warm learning environment where our students can relax feeling safe and secure.

Emergency evacuation

In the event of a fire, earthquake or other natural disaster the school building will be evacuated and the children led to safety in the front yard of the school. We practice evacuation drills twice a year. Escape routes and maps are posted on every floor in every building indicating the escape routes.

Security

The school has 24-hour security guards on duty, there is a live video surveillance system in the halls and entry points. During the day visitors to the school are asked to register and sign in with security and are given visitors badges to wear.

Extreme weather procedures

The school will not normally close in extreme weather conditions. However, if exceptional circumstances prevail, the school will be closed. The decision to close will be made by the general director or school directors by 07:30 in the morning. The quickest way to find out if the school will be closed is to call the home room teachers for information.

In all cases of severe weather, parents should make the decision as to whether it is safe to send their children to school. Parents should also feel free to collect their children early if there is a concern that weather conditions are worsening and returning home later will be difficult.

The school will not close early except in similar exceptional circumstances. Parents should keep their cell phones turned on. The school secretary, receptionist or the homeroom teacher will phone and text to let the parents know if the school will be closing early. No child will be sent home without contacting the parent first. The school will take care of any children stranded at school for as long as is necessary.

Fire

On discovering a fire operate the nearest fire alarm, leave the building and assemble at the fire points practiced in the evacuation drill and indicated on the evacuation maps displayed on each floor. First call the fire service and then ensure that the administrative office has been informed.

All staff and pupils must familiarize themselves with the location of fire doors and fire exits, so that they know as many as possible of the means of escape from the buildings. All staff and pupils should know the location of their nearest fire extinguishers and fire alarm call points and instructions for their use. Emergency exit routes must remain tidy and free from obstacles. Staff and pupils must not leave or store flammable materials on or around emergency exit routes or block immediate access to fire alarms, fire equipment or electrical switchgear.

The fire alarm is a bell and is tested within the building each Wednesday at 9.30am. Termly fire evacuation drills will be carried out and also recorded in the fire logbook. Firefighting equipment will be inspected annually and checks recorded on the equipment

Fire prevention

The value of the nightly routine of switching off all unnecessary electrical equipment, checking that gas taps are turned off, and closing all doors to rooms and staircase enclosures, cannot be overstressed. Staffs are reminded that smoking is not permitted on school premises. A fire risk assessment will be carried out annually.

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