



# HOKE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Our top priority is providing a safe environment for Hoke County High School students. We understand and appreciate your value as a stakeholder in the Hoke County High School educational institution. Therefore, we are informing you about ongoing efforts to maintain a safe campus.

Currently, a variety of safety practices have been implemented to include utilizing safety devices to promote the safety of students, staff, and all other stakeholders. These safety practices do include student searches. School officials have the authority to conduct reasonable searches of students and to seize students' unauthorized materials to maintain a safe orderly environment. These are necessary practices to ensure that our students are exposed to a drug-free and weapon-free learning environment, as well as upholding the standards of the student code of conduct established by the Board of Education and Hoke County High School.

In conjunction with the Hoke County Sheriff's Office and Raeford Police Department, we will employ an additional School Resource Officer, increase lockdown practice drills, and begin to use trained dogs (canines or K-9s) to locate illegal materials that could disrupt the teaching and learning environment. Any illegal contraband seized by school officials will be turned over to the proper law enforcement authorities and the offender will receive the appropriate disciplinary actions as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and/or Hoke County Schools Board of Education policies. K-9s may sniff lockers, desks, book bags, motor vehicles, and other objects. K-9s will not be used to sniff a student or anyone on campus. The Hoke County Sheriff's Office will use K-9s on the campus periodically throughout the school year as a safety measure to help ensure that the campus is safe and conducive to learning.

We would like to reiterate that our goal is to provide a safe environment for the students and staff at Hoke County High School. We will continue to partner with our local law enforcement officers to improve our safety practices with the expectation of being vigilant.

Respectfully,

Dr. Thomas Benson  
Principal