



Safer Schools. Safer Students.

A balanced approach to school safety.

1.



Whole Child Model

Kids who genuinely feel healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged perform better in school (www.ascd.org). Nurturing the physical and emotional needs of children is the foundation of our school safety and security program. Building an inclusive culture reduces negative behaviors. Oakridge offers programs like Teen United, Capturing Kids Hearts, Link Crew, Kids Hope, and Empowered Kids that help build trustworthy relationships among kids and with adults.

2.



Oakridge Wellness Network

Community partners are essential for student wellness. Integrated service partners include, but are not limited to: success coaches from MDHHS Pathways to Potential Office, a community health worker from Mercy Health Hospital, and case workers from HealthWest. The Oakridge Wellness Network serves families that need assistance with food, daycare, utilities, housing, transportation, clothing, medical needs, and mental health.

3.



Oakridge Teen Health Center

HACKLEY
COMMUNITY
CARE

Kids walk down the hall to see a physician assistant, a dentist, or a behavioral/mental health therapist. Hackley Community Care is our provider with 3 state of the art medical exam rooms, 3 dental operatories, and 1 mental health counseling room on site.

4.



Emergency Responder Partnerships

Police, fire, and other first responders in Muskegon County engage with schools to better prepare for catastrophic events. Oakridge partners with first responders to conduct table top exercises, facility walkthroughs, drill activities, and security planning.

5.



Emergency Operation Plans

Muskegon County first responders developed a common Emergency Operations Plan for each district. It includes written procedures for a variety of emergency situations that include bomb threats, chemical hazards, weather or fire tragedies, evacuation, reunification, intruder response, and suicide threats.



6.



Technology enabled schools improve safety and preparedness. Oakridge updates and distributes Emergency Operation Plans instantly to employees via the Navigate Prepared mobile phone based app or website. Staff can account for students during emergencies and report missing kids instantly to administrators. Digital 360 degree imagery of all facilities are available to central command with detailed floor plans. First responders are immediately notified of emergency drills, alerts, and reports required by law.

7.



Safe & Secure Facilities

Secure entries, surveillance cameras, and key systems protect children. School buildings and school buses have video security systems that deter negative behaviors and support school and law enforcement investigations. Visitors must utilize single secure points of entry during the school day. Our key fob entry system allows authorized personnel to enter building and records identity of such individuals.

8.



Alert
Lockdown
Inform
Counter
Evacuate

Alice Training is one of the top active shooter civilian response trainings in the country. It provides staff the tools and skills necessary to protect oneself and children in an active shooter or intruder event. Oakridge began providing staff ALICE Training during the 2017-18 school year.

9.



SafeSCHOOLS Online Training System automates staff safety training. The courses available range from blood borne pathogen, emergency management, environmental safety, health practices, human resources, online safety, security, nutrition, student behavior, and transportation. Safety training and compliance are easier to implement and more efficient.

10.



Empowering students, parents, school personnel, community mental health service programs, and law enforcement to share and respond to student safety threats. The goal is to stop harmful behavior before it occurs by encouraging anyone to confidentially report threatening behavior 24/7 using the OK2SAY mobile app, email, text, or by calling trained program technicians.

11.



Muskegon Countywide Partnerships

Muskegon Area Intermediate School District facilitates countywide partnerships that improve school health and safety practices. When tragedy strikes, schools pull together with a crisis response team. The Systems of Care Grant initiative is also helping develop a comprehensive strategic plan for improving, expanding, and sustaining services provided through a coordinated care approach for children and families with serious emotional disturbances. Oakridge is a phase 3 participant district.

12.



Regional Enhancement Millage

The MAISD Technology & Security Regional Enhancement Millage provides supplemental funding to help teachers teach, help students learn, keep schools safe, and improve its future. This 10 year millage at a rate of 1.0 mills was passed county-wide in 2014 and is essential in our efforts to improve safety .