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# **BeSMART and Meet and Greet with our School Police Officers**

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# **Safety and Security**

## ***A Proactive Educational Approach***

*Dr. Jeff Taylor,  
Assistant Superintendent*



## *Our School Safety Goal:*

**The North Hills School District shall endeavor to ensure that each student learns in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe for students and adults.**

## **School Safety Action #1:**

**Providing High Quality  
Professional Development  
for Proactive Approaches  
to School Safety**



# *School Safety*

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## **School Safety Action #2:**

**Providing a High Quality  
Curriculum for our  
Students Regarding  
School Safety**

# *School Safety*

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## **School Safety Action #3:** **Providing School Safety** **Information to Parents and** **Guardians**

# BeSMART Program Presentation



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## Haylee's story

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*Pekin girl  
unintentionally shot,  
dies on her birthday*



# America's story

## #NotAnAccident Index

At Least 285 Unintentional Shootings by Children in 2017

Nearly two million American children live in homes with guns that are not stored responsibly. This interactive map tracks every publicly reported incident since 2015 where a person age 17 or under unintentionally kills or injures themselves or someone else with a gun.

MAPS

UNINTENTIONAL DEATHS

All

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019



● INJURY ● DEATH

5/20/2017 CAMPBELLVILLE, KY



12-year-old boy

VICTIM

Death

Shot by someone

DETAILS



Handgun



Victim's home

STORY

A 13-year-old boy was playing with a loaded handgun in his basement, believing it to be a toy, when he unintentionally discharged it, hitting his 12-year-old brother in the chest. The younger boy was taken to a local hospital and pronounced dead.

Source: WDRB

13-year-old boy

WHO FIRED GUN





AMERICAN KIDS ARE

**11X MORE LIKELY**

TO DIE FROM GUN VIOLENCE THAN CHILDREN  
IN OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

# WHAT YOU CAN DO:

**Be**

**S**

**M**

**A**

**R**

**T**



Secure guns in your homes and vehicles



Keep guns locked,  
unloaded and stored  
separately from ammunition.



# SMART

## Secure guns in your homes and vehicles

Responsible storage



Not responsible storage



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## Jeremiah's story

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**70 PERCENT**

**OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 10 KNOW  
WHERE THEIR PARENTS STORE THEIR GUNS.**

**S** **M** **A** **R** **T**

**Model responsible behavior**



# SMART

Model responsible behavior



Will other adults  
join in firearms training?



Do risk factors  
exist?



Do all adults in the home  
support having a gun?



What precautions will you take  
to safeguard children?

# SMART

Model responsible behavior



Always keep your gun pointed  
in a safe direction.



Treat every firearm  
as if it is loaded.



Be sure of your target  
and what's beyond it.



Don't rely  
on your gun's "safety."

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## Noah's story

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# 4.6 MILLION KIDS

LIVE IN HOMES WITH GUNS THAT  
ARE BOTH LOADED AND UNLOCKED.



SMART

Ask about unsecured guns in other homes

# SMART

Ask about unsecured guns in other homes



Make it part  
of a discussion



Volunteer information  
about your home



Use  
technology



Talk to family  
and caregivers

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## Mikey's story

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**“IN CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16, THE PRESENCE AND  
AVAILABILITY OF A GUN IN THE HOME IS A  
MORE SIGNIFICANT RISK FACTOR**

**THAN PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESS, PROBABLY BECAUSE  
SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS  
OF THIS AGE IS OFTEN IMPULSIVE.”**

**– DR. DAVID BRENT, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH**



**FIREARMS ARE THE MOST LETHAL METHOD  
FOR SUICIDE ATTEMPTS, RESULTING IN DEATH**

**85% OF THE TIME.**



S M A R T

Recognize the risks of teen suicide

# SMART

## Recognize the risks of teen suicide



Change in mood  
or behavior



Feeling hopeless,  
ashamed, or desperate



Talking about wanting  
to kill themselves  
or saying “you’ll be  
better off”



Increase  
in aggression

S M A R T

Tell your peers to be SMART



# SMART

Tell your peers to be SMART



Talk to your friends  
and family



Volunteer to lead  
a smart presentation

# WHAT YOU CAN DO:

**Be**



Secure  
guns in your  
homes and  
vehicles



Model  
responsible  
behavior



Ask  
about  
unsecured  
guns in  
other homes



Recognize  
the risks  
of teen  
suicide



Tell  
your peers  
to be smart

# *Meet and Greet: School Police Officers*





# *School Police Officers*

## **Qualifications of School Police Officers:**

- 1. At least 10 years of previous experience as a municipal, state or federal law enforcement agency**
- 2. Graduate of the Pa State Police Academy or the Municipal Police Officer Education and Training Commission**
- 3. CPR and First Aid certifications**
- 4. Weapons certification(s)**
- 5. School related professional development**



# *School Police Officers*

## **Overarching Goal of School Police Officers:**

- **To provide law enforcement to District schools and to monitor and ensure the safety and security of students, staff, community members, and property in order to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment.**

# *School Police Officers*

## Important Distinction:

- School police officers will not be disciplining students.
- Discipline will continue to be administered by the building principals.

# *Chief of School Police*



*Mr. Dean Lawrence*