

2025 Evacuation Drill  
Cameron Middle School  
October 9, 2025

On October 9, 2025 Cameron Middle School conducted non-emergency hold, fire, and evacuation drills. Staff were notified in advance of the drills and extra considerations were made for our students with special needs and any students or staff with health concerns. Prior to the drills, staff were reminded to review our district crisis manual for evacuation drill procedures. The drills were initiated over the PA system at approximately 9:55 am with an announcement and reminders of evacuation drill procedures. The building was cleared in under two minutes and students and staff made their way to the bus garage, which is our evacuation reunification area.

At our evacuation reunification area, homeroom teachers put on yellow vests, and other staff put on orange vests to signify being a "runner". Students were gathered by grade in well-spaced lines in one-half of the bus garage. The staff wearing orange vests were runners and collected each homeroom teacher's attendance and brought it to the smaller van garage that acted as the command center. At the command center the office secretaries and additional staff compared the attendance with the morning calls. All students and staff were accounted for at the evacuation site. We then returned all vests and materials to our 5 gallon, grade-level buckets and returned to the middle school. A "thank you" announcement was made to staff and students upon return. Many staff debriefed with students to discuss what they noticed and offer suggestions. Mr. Schmidt also debriefed with grades levels during their grade level meetings. Mr. Rykal, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Leschisin, SRO Krahenbuhl, and Mr. Breed discussed the drill.

CMS staff and students did an outstanding job before, during, and after the drills. They were respectful, patient, and organized through each phase of the drills. With many new staff at CMS they were able to pick up on the procedures quickly to complete the exercise.

**Successful Highlights:**

1. The building was evacuated in under two minutes after the announcement
2. All students and staff were accounted for through daily attendance.
3. Students and staff took the drill seriously.
4. The runners were able to practice and clarify their roles.
4. Procedures were established and practiced with the high school at the bus garage.
5. With substitutes in the building, the student accountability plan was still effective.

**Focus areas for next drill:**

1. We will work with School Resource Officer Andy Krahenbuhl to clarify roles and reunification plans. SRO Krahenbuhl will also work with law enforcement in regards to their response.
2. Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Rykal will work with Mr. Getchell and Mr. Breed to ensure all speakers are working in the building. Our Band & Choir room are still in need of attention with speakers.
3. CMS Office Staff, Mrs. Eckhoff and Mrs. Kargus will review our attendance and reunification paperwork to see if there are ways to increase efficiency.

**Certifications:**

Cameron Middle School certifies that this evacuation drill was conducted on October 4, 2024 and this written evaluation was sent to and reviewed by the school board on October 21, 2024.

Principal Signature: Hans Delg

Superintendent Signature: [Signature]

School Board President Signature: [Signature]