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SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES FOR NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS STUDENT RESIDENTS AT NMSD

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The School for the Arts is a new educational institution renting dormitory space from NMSD. NMSD will implement the following safety and security measures in addition to exercising all standard measures utilized by our school.

1. Fire evacuation floor plans will be posted in every room and copies of our Emergency Action Plan will be provided to the School for the Arts administrators and resident supervisors. Copies of the Emergency Action Plan will be posted in strategic locations in the dormitories. Resident supervisors need to review and thoroughly understand the Emergency Action Plan. We stand ready to answer any questions that the supervisors may have.
2. The School for the Arts students will be included in routine NMSD fire and lock down drills, including nighttime drills. We will inform the resident supervisors in advance of the drills and they will be responsible for supervising student compliance in accordance with NMSD safety practices. We will critique responses and require modifications when necessary.
3. The exterior doors of the dormitories will remain locked at all times, day and night. Each resident student will have two keys, one to their room and one to their dormitory. The boys and girls dormitories will be keyed differently. Students will be encouraged to lock their room doors during the day while they are gone, but in accordance with NMSD policy the individual room doors must remain unlocked at night. School for the Arts supervisors, NMSD security and maintenance staff will have keys to all rooms.
4. NMSD security staff will be responsible for patrolling the exterior of dormitories and those areas of Cartwright not rented by the School for the Arts. NMSD security will not patrol the space rented by the School for the Arts. The School for the Arts is responsible for the security of their students inside of the dormitories. It is our understanding that the School for the Arts intends to install an alarm system that notifies resident supervisors when an exterior dorm door is opened. Generally,

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students are not allowed outside of the dormitories at night between 10:00pm and 6:00am.

5. It is essential that NMSD security staff be able to identify all School for the Arts resident students and supervisors. NMSD will take pictures of the students and supervisors and will gather identification, contact and health information. The pictures and information will be used by our security personnel to identify students and will facilitate access to the campus in the evenings.
6. On school days perimeter gates remain open and unmonitored from 6:00am to 6:00pm. All perimeter gates are closed at 6:00pm and NMSD security staff monitors access through the main entrance during the evening and nighttime hours. (Note: There will be evenings especially when the school theater or gym are used by the public that the primary security gate will be open). The School for the Arts will determine which students are allowed to leave the campus after school and in the evenings. School for the Arts resident supervisors will be summoned to the gate to receive and escort any students arriving after 10:00pm and the arrival will be recorded.
7. Since the students will be away from the campus during the school day, it is anticipated that most visitations will occur after school and during evening hours. School for the Arts resident supervisors will be summoned to the gate to greet and escort all visitors in accordance with visitation policies adopted by the School for the Arts. Visitation is not permitted on the campus between 10:00pm and 6:00am.
8. School for the Arts students may socialize with NMSD students at the discretion of the resident supervisors of both schools and within the context of the respective school policies.
9. School for the Arts students may walk the campus grounds and socialize in appropriate areas, however the lease does not include use of the NMSD gym and other facilities (except the dining hall for meals) without the permission of the NMSD Superintendent.
10. School for the Arts students in the dining hall must be accompanied by resident supervisors.

From time to time the safety and security measures above may be modified or additional measures may be implemented in response to specific conditions or to improve overall safety on the NMSD campus.

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