

Office of Safe and Orderly Schools
Facility Safety Assessment
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Division of School Buildings
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Items in green were complete on 8/9/11.

Items in red were complete on 9/30/10.

Lined out items are Life Safety Codes.

Items in blue are buildings/rooms that are closed and not being used by the district at this time.

Please accept the following comments, findings, corrective actions and recommendations for consideration at each school site. If we may assist you by providing additional information regarding this report, you may contact us at (601) 359-1028.

Tate County School District
Mr. Gary Walker, Superintendent

Coldwater High School
Attended by: Mr. Robert Collins, Assistant Principal

Findings:

Exterior

- ~~● There were some unsecured A/C electrical panels.~~
- There were some unprotected lights outside the band hall and cafeteria.
- ~~● There were some unprotected exterior lights on Wing 3.~~
- There was some standing water between Wings 2 and 3.
- There were some steel pipe door stops by the middle exit doors of Wings 1, 2, and 3.
- There were some low hanging wires on the south side of the office roof.

Interior

- There were some old lockers that need to be removed.
- Painting was needed throughout campus.
- The school did not have a two-way intercom between the main office and teaching stations.

Kitchen/Dining Area

- ~~● There were no exit signs in the dining area.~~
- ~~● There was no emergency lighting in the dining area.~~
- ~~● There was no seating capacity posted in the dining area.~~
- ~~● Staff has not had any fire safety training.~~
- There was a damaged light in the vent-a- hood.

- Boiler certificate was out-of-date.

Band Hall

- There were several unprotected lights.
- There was a roof leak in the instrument storage area.
- ~~There was a discharged portable fire extinguisher.~~

Wing 1

- There was a damaged light above the south exit door.
- Career center interior wall finish was plywood and does not appear to be Class A, B, or C material.
- There was a roof leak in the career center office.
- Several classrooms had roof leaks.
- There was some damaged floor tile in the career center.
- There were several classrooms with damaged floor tile.
- Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.
- Several classrooms had damaged floor base.
- There was an unsecured janitorial closet.
- ~~There were two drink machines blocking the middle exit doors.~~
- ~~There was no exit sign identifying the middle exit doors.~~
- Classrooms did not have evacuation maps posted.

Wing 2

- Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.
- Several classrooms had roof leaks.
- ~~Several classrooms had an interior wall finish that was plywood and does not appear to be Class A, B, or C material.~~
- ~~There was a damaged fire warning light.~~
- ~~There was an unprotected electrical outlet in classroom 6.~~
- ~~There was no exit sign identifying the middle exit doors.~~
- ~~There was a drink machine blocking the middle exit doors.~~

Wing 3

- ~~There was a chain and padlock on the north exit doors.~~
- ~~There was damaged panic hardware on the north exit door.~~
- ~~Classroom 2 had a blocked second means of egress door.~~
- ~~There was a drink machine blocking the middle exit doors.~~
- Several classrooms had roof leaks.

Wing 4

- There were some locks on the south exit doors.
- ~~There were some inoperative exit signs.~~
- ~~Ag. Science classroom had a damaged door lock.~~
- There was a gasoline generator being stored in the Ag. Science storage room.

- There was an excessive amount of clutter in the Ag. Science classroom.
- ~~Classroom 5 interior wall finish was plywood and does not appear to be class A, B, or C material.~~
- ~~There was an unprotected wall switch in classroom 4.~~
- Floors were dirty.
- Several classrooms had roof leaks.

Science Lab

- There was no chemical inventory.
- There were no Material Safety Data Sheets.
- Chemical storage area was not secured.
- ~~There was no eyewash station.~~

Restrooms

- There was an inoperative exhaust fan in Wing 1 boys' restroom.
- ~~There was some damaged conduit in Wing 1 boys' restroom.~~
- Restrooms in Wing 4 had locks on exit doors.
- Exhaust fans in Wing 4 were inoperative.
- There were some damaged stalls in Wing 4 boys' restroom.
- ~~There was a missing ceiling tile in Wing 4 boys' restroom.~~
- ~~There was a missing electrical panel cover in Wing 4 girls' restroom.~~
- There was no exhaust fan in Wing 2 boys' restroom.
- There was an inoperative exhaust fan in Wing 2 girls' restroom.

Gymnasium

- There was no emergency lighting.
- There was no panic hardware on the northeast exit doors.
- There was a chain and padlock on the northeast exit doors.
- There was a chain and padlock on the northwest exit doors.
- ~~There was some damaged panic hardware on the exit doors.~~
- ~~There were some unprotected lights in the visitor girls' dressing room.~~
- There was excessive clutter in the shower area of the visitor girls' dressing room.
- There were some lockers in both visitor girls and boys dressing rooms that needed to be removed.
- There was a missing ceiling tile in the visitor boys' dressing room.
- ~~There were several damaged ceiling tiles in the gymnasium foyer.~~
- There were some inoperative exhaust fans in the gymnasium foyer restrooms.
- ~~There was an unprotected electrical outlet near the southwest exit door.~~

Weight Room

- There were padlocks on the east exit door.
- There was damaged panic hardware on the east exit door.
- ~~There was an unprotected electrical panel on the west wall.~~
- ~~There were some unprotected lights.~~

- There was excessive clutter.

Utilities

- Main utility cut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.

Senatobia-Tate County Career Technical Center

Attended by: Mr. Richard A. Hartley, Director

Findings:

- ~~There were some unprotected fluorescent lights in the main foyer.~~
- There were several roof leaks throughout the building.
- ~~There was an unprotected electrical outlet on the east end of the building.~~
- Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.
- ~~There was an obstructed exit door in the automotive shop.~~
- ~~There were some missing blanks in an electrical panel in the automotive shop.~~
- ~~There was no exit sign over the south exit door in the masonry shop.~~
- ~~Allied Health classroom interior wall finish was plywood and does not appear to be class A, B, or C material.~~
- There were some missing ceiling tiles in the Allied Health classroom.
- ~~There were some unsecured exterior electrical A/C panels.~~

Strayhorn High School

Attended by: Mr. Ben Stigler, Assistant Principal

Findings:

Kitchen/Dining Area (also serves the elementary school)

- ~~There were no portable fire extinguishers in the dining area.~~
- ~~Seating capacity was not posted in the dining area.~~
- ~~There was no evacuation maps posted in the dining area.~~
- ~~There was a damaged lock on the rear kitchen door.~~

Gymnasium

- Seating capacity was not posted in the gymnasium.
- ~~There was no portable fire extinguisher in the stage area.~~
- ~~There were some unprotected lights over the north stage door exit.~~

Science Lab

- There was no chemical inventory.
- There were no Material Safety Data Sheets.
- ~~There were no emergency utility cut offs near the teacher's station.~~

Restrooms

- There was a missing sink in the boys' restroom in the main building.

Classrooms

- ~~There was no second means of egress in classrooms.~~
- ~~Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.~~

Utilities

- Main utility cut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.

Strayhorn Elementary School

Attended by: Mr. Jim Bolen, Assistant Principal

Findings:

Exterior

- There was no sign indicating school name.

Interior

- Janitorial closet was not secured in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade hall.
- Janitorial closet was not secured in the kindergarten and 1st grade building.
- Janitorial closet was not secured in the 3rd grade building.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Building

- ~~Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.~~
- Some rooms had over 20 percent of their walls covered with artwork.

2nd and 4th Grade Hall

- ~~There were no lighted exit signs.~~
- ~~There was no emergency lighting.~~
- ~~Classroom 6 had flammable material above the doorway.~~
- Classroom 6 interior wall finish was plywood and does not appear to be Class A, B, or C material.
- ~~Several classroom exit doors were obstructed.~~
- Several classrooms were using extension cords as a permanent power source.

3rd Grade Building

- ~~There were no lighted exit signs.~~
- ~~There was no emergency lighting.~~
- ~~Classroom second means of egress windows were not identified by signage.~~
- There were several missing ceiling tiles.
- Wall finish was plywood and does not appear to be Class A, B, or C material.
- Some rooms had over 20 percent of their walls covered with artwork.

4th, 5th and 6th Grade Hall

- ~~Classroom second means of egress windows were not identified by signage.~~
- Several classroom second means of egress windows were obstructed.

Restrooms

- There were no exhaust fans in the 2nd and 4th grade hall.
- Exhaust fans were inoperative in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade hall.
- There were no exhaust fans in the 3rd grade building.

Utilities

- Main utility cut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.

East Tate Elementary School

Attended by: Mrs. Kaye Adams, Principal

Findings:

Exterior

- There was a hole by the southeast corner of the gymnasium.

Interior

- There was an unsecured janitorial closet in the B wing.

Gymnasium

- ~~There was a damaged exit sign by the stage area.~~
- There was no portable fire extinguisher in the stage area.
- ~~Seating capacity was not posted.~~
- ~~Northwest exit door had a slide lock.~~
- ~~There was no emergency lighting.~~

Restrooms

- There were missing ceiling tiles in the restroom behind the stage area.
- There was an inoperative exhaust fan in the A wing boys' restroom.
- A wing boys' restroom needed painting.
- There was no exhaust fan in the A wing girls' restroom.
- There was no exhaust fan in the B wing boys' restroom.

A Wing

- ~~There was no emergency lighting.~~
- Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.
- Several classrooms had an extension cord being used as a permanent power source.

B Wing

- Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.
- ~~There was a slide lock on an exit door.~~
- Medically Fragile classroom interior wall finish was plywood and does not appear to be Class A, B, or C material.
- ~~Several classrooms had an extension cord being used as a permanent power source.~~

Kindergarten Building

- There was no emergency lighting.
- ~~There were no lighted exit signs.~~
- ~~Exit doors did not have panic hardware.~~

Kitchen/Dining Area

- Boxes were stacked within 24” of the ceiling in the dry goods storage room.
- ~~Staff has not had any fire safety training.~~
- ~~There was no emergency lighting in the dining area.~~

Utilities

- Main utility cut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.

Playground

- Playground did not have enough shock absorbing surface material below equipment.
- There was some playground damaged equipment.
- There were some exposed concrete footers.

Independence High School

Attended by: Mr. Jerome Martin, Assistant Principal

Findings:

Interior

- There was a fault on the security system.
- There was an unsecured janitorial closet in the main building.
- There was an unsecured janitorial closet on hall 2.

Classrooms

- ~~Classrooms did not have a second means of egress.~~
- ~~Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.~~
- ~~There was no second means of egress in the band hall.~~
- ~~There was no second means of egress in the choral music room.~~

Kitchen/Dining Area

- ~~There was a damaged fluorescent light on the vent a hood.~~
- ~~Seating capacity was not posted in the dining area.~~
- Cleaning supplies were stored in same area with food.

Gymnasium

- ~~Seating capacity was not posted.~~

Restrooms

- There were no exhaust fans.

Science Lab

- ~~There was no portable fire extinguisher.~~
- There were no Material Safety Data Sheets.
- There was no chemical inventory.

Utilities

- Main utility cut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.

Independence Middle School

Attended by: Mr. John Shows, Assistant Principal

Findings:

Exterior

- There was an open electrical box behind the main building.
- There were low hanging wires between the main building and the 6th grade building.
- There were damaged sidewalks throughout the campus.

Main Building

- Classroom second means of egress windows were not identified by signage.
- Several classrooms had obstructed windows that could be used as a second means of egress.
- Exit doors had chains and padlocks.

Kitchen/Dining Area

- Seating capacity was not posted in the dining area.
- There was no emergency lighting in the dining area.
- There was grease buildup on the vent-a-hood.

Gymnasium

- There were chains and padlocks on the north and east exit doors.
- Emergency lighting was inoperative.
- Seating capacity was not posted.

- There was no air conditioning.
- There was no portable fire extinguisher in the stage area.
- There was a hole in the north wall of the cheerleader room.
- The cheerleader room was cluttered and dirty.

FFA Building

- There was excessive clutter.
- There was a discharged portable fire extinguisher.

Tech Prep Building

- Classroom second means of egress windows were not identified by signage.
- Several classrooms had obstructed windows that could be used as a second means of egress.
- East exit doors had chains and padlocks.

5th Grade Building

- Classroom second means of egress windows were not identified by signage.
- Several classrooms had obstructed windows that could be used as a second means of egress.
- There was an unprotected fluorescent light in the main hallway.
- There was no two-way communication between the main office and teaching stations.
- There were several extension cords being used as a permanent power source.

6th Grade Building

- Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.
- There was evidence of roof leaks.
- Exit doors were damaged.

Band Hall

- There was no emergency lighting.

Extra Building

- Classroom second means of egress windows were not identified by signage.
- There were several damaged and missing ceiling tiles.
- There were several damaged floor tiles.
- Interior wall finish was plywood and does not appear to be Class A, B, or C material.
- There were several unprotected electrical outlets.
- There were no lighted exit signs.
- There was no emergency lighting.
- There were unprotected fluorescent lights.
- There was evidence of roof leaks.
- There were missing drinking fountain panels.
- There was a hole in the north wall of classroom 5.

- There was a missing air vent on the east wall of the PE classroom.
- Several classrooms were cluttered.

Restrooms

- There were missing ceiling tiles in the main hall boys' restroom.
- There was a missing urinal in the main hall boys' restroom.
- There were no exhaust fans in the main hall restrooms.
- There were inoperative exhaust fans in the 5th grade building.
- There was a missing lavatory in the extra building girls' restroom.
- There were unprotected lights in the 6th grade building boys' restroom.

Utilities

- Main utility cut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.

Coldwater Elementary School

Attended by: Mr. Gary Walker, Superintendent

Findings:

Kitchen/Dining Area

- ~~There was an unprotected electrical outlet by the main door of the dining area.~~
- Boxes were stacked within 24" of the ceiling in the dry goods storage room.
- ~~There were some unprotected lights in the dry goods area.~~
- ~~Staff has not had any fire safety training.~~
- ~~Seating capacity was not posted in the dining area.~~

Classrooms

- ~~Classrooms did not have a second means of egress.~~
- ~~Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.~~

Playground

- Playground did not have enough shock absorbing surface material below equipment.

Coldwater Middle School

Attended by: Mr. Gary Walker, Superintendent

Findings:

Exterior

- There were unsecured electrical A/C panels outside the 5th and 6th grade building.
- There were damaged eaves on the band hall.
- There was no sign indicating school name.
- There were several low areas where water was standing.

3rd Grade Building

- Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.
- East and west exit doors had chains and padlocks.
- There were no lighted exit signs.
- There was no emergency lighting.
- There were no portable fire extinguishers in the main hallways.

4th and 5th Grade Building

- Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.
- ~~There was no emergency lighting.~~
- ~~There was damaged panic hardware on the exit doors.~~
- ~~There was a partition wall between classrooms 27 and 29 that was plywood and does not appear to be Class A, B, or C material.~~

5th and 6th Grade Building

- Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements.
- There was no emergency lighting.

7th and 8th Grade Building

- There was no emergency lighting.
- There were no lighted exit signs.
- Classroom second means of egress windows were not identified by signage.
- There was an inoperative drinking fountain.

Restrooms

- There were missing lavatories in the 4th and 5th grade boys and girls' restrooms.
- Exhaust fans were inoperative in the 4th and 5th grade boys and girls' restrooms.
- Restroom corridor exit doors were locked in the 4th and 5th grade building.
- There was a damaged stall door in the 4th and 5th grade girls' restroom.
- There was no exhaust fan in the 7th and 8th grade girls' restroom.
- There was evidence of a roof leak in the 4th and 5th grade girls' restroom.

Band Hall

- There were several damaged ceiling tiles in the boiler room.
- There was clutter in the boiler room.
- There were several missing ceiling tiles.

Gymnasium

- There was a lock on the exit door.
- There were not enough portable fire extinguishers.
- ~~There was a damaged emergency light on the southwest corner.~~
- Seating capacity was not posted.
- There was no portable fire extinguisher in the stage area.
- ~~There was an unprotected fluorescent light in the stage area.~~

- There were damaged bleachers.

Utilities

- Boiler certificate was out-of-date in the band hall.
- Main utility cut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.