

Dear THS Parents,

We are excited to roll out our new EVOLV Weapon Detection System. As you know, safety and security has always been a top priority for all Taos Municipal Schools and each year we look for ways in which we can improve our safety and security systems. This year, we will be installing concealed weapon detection scanners at Taos High School.

Our goal with this system is to identify and prevent weapons from entering our schools. These floor standing scanners will easily allow students and visitors to walk through them without removing backpacks, keys, or cell phones. These are not metal detectors; however, they will detect weapons that are concealed on a person's body or in their backpacks. This same system has been implemented in over 500 schools in the U.S. and is used at the Pentagon, the Smithsonian Museum, and at more than 30 professional sports venues and amusement parks.

We will be placing the scanners at the main entrance on campus which will require students to adjust the way they enter the school. Directions have been included with this letter to familiarize students with the new process. The system will not be active over the first couple weeks of school allowing students to become familiar with the new process and our safety and security staff and THS administration time to assess the process and make necessary changes or modifications.

The installation of these scanners is just one of the many layers of security that Taos Municipal Schools utilizes to keep our schools as safe as we can for our students, teachers, and staff. It is our goal to install these scanners at all our schools as time and funding permits. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we take steps to improve the safety of our schools.



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Directions:

1. Take your laptop out of your backpack
2. Raise your laptop over your head while you walk through the EVOLVE system