

CAMPUS SECURITY AND DRUG PREVENTION REPORT CRIME STATISTICS

STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of Meridian Technology Center to investigate, to report to local law enforcement agencies, and to make public the number and nature of crimes and how they are investigated.

REPORTING CAMPUS CRIMES AND EMERGENCIES

To report a crime, a victim or witness needs to contact the Superintendent. A school official will contact the Stillwater Police Department and make arrangements to meet with the victim. An official report is made and a copy of this is given to the victim. The local police department will report these crimes to appropriate state and federal law enforcement agencies.

SECURITY OF FACILITIES

1. It is the mission of Meridian Technology Center to provide a safe environment for our students and employees.
2. There are scheduled times for all doors to be locked. The two main entrances to the campus are included in this lockup procedure. This function is performed by Meridian Technology Center custodial staff. Students are allowed to be in the building or on the grounds after lockup **only under direct supervision by a faculty or staff member.**
3. No school keys will be issued to students, nor will faculty or staff loan a building key or gate access card to a student or non-employee.
4. All buildings are equipped with fire alarms, which are directly tied to an answering service that reports the alarm to the Stillwater Fire Department. Two fire drills will be conducted per school year. Each fire drill shall be conducted within the first fifteen (15) days of each semester. The fire drills shall include the sounding of a distinctive audible signal designated as the fire alarm signal.
5. In order to provide a safe environment for the students and staff of the district, the board of education adopted a policy prohibiting the possession and/or use of dangerous weapons, replicas or facsimiles of dangerous weapons and

items or instrumentalities which are used to threaten harm or are used to harm any person.

Dangerous weapons, including but not limited to firearms, are a threat to the safety of the students and staff of the district. In addition, possession of dangerous weapons, or replicas or facsimiles of dangerous weapons, disrupts the educational process and interferes with the normal operation of the district.

For the foregoing reasons, with exception of permission granted for students participating in an authorized curricular or extracurricular activity or team involving the use or demonstration of a dangerous weapon, or replica or facsimile of a dangerous weapon which requires prior written approval by the superintendent, possession by any student of a dangerous weapon, as that term is defined policy, or a replica or facsimile of a dangerous weapon, while on technology center property, at a school-sponsored activity, or on a technology center bus or vehicle, is prohibited. Further, use of any item or instrumentality by a student to threaten harm to any person or which is used to harm any person, while on technology center property, at a school-sponsored activity, or on a technology center bus or vehicle, is prohibited.

For purposes of the policy, "DANGEROUS WEAPON" IS DEFINED AS ANY ITEM WHICH WAS MANUFACTURED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OR USED WITH THE INTENT TO THREATEN OR CAUSE PHYSICAL HARM TO ANOTHER PERSON. "Possession of a dangerous weapon" includes, **BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO**, any person having a dangerous weapon: (1) on his or her person; (2) in his or her locker; (3) in his or her vehicle; (4) held by another person for his or her benefit; or (5) at any place on technology center property, a technology center bus or vehicle, or at a technology center activity.

Weapons expressly prohibited by policy include a: pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, air gun or spring gun, B-B gun, stun gun, hand grenades, fireworks, slingshot, bludgeon, blackjack, brass knuckles or artificial knuckles of any kind, nun-chucks, dagger, bowie knife, dirk knife, butterfly knife, any knife the blade of which can be opened by a flick of a button or pressure on the handle, dart, explosive smoke bomb, incendiary device, sword cane, hand chains, firearm shells or bullets, garrotes, and choking devices.

Other items that may be considered dangerous weapons when used with the intent to threaten or cause physical harm to another include, but are not limited to, pocket knives (regardless of the length of the blade), credit card

knives, mace, pepper spray, and other substances whose principal purpose is for use as a weapon, whether offensive or defensive, and any replica or facsimiles of any of the foregoing items, or any item or instrumentality which is used to threaten harm or is used to harm any person or any chemical, material or substance which can cause an irritation to or reacts with human tissue, or any chemical, material or substance used, given, applied to or administered to another person without that person's consent. **THE FOREGOING LIST OF "DANGEROUS WEAPONS" IS DESCRIPTIVE AND BY WAY OF EXAMPLE ONLY AND IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AN EXCLUSIVE OR LIMITING LIST OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS. IT WILL NOT BE A DEFENSE TO ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THIS POLICY THAT THE STUDENT POSSESSING THE DANGEROUS WEAPON DID NOT KNOW THAT IT IS A DANGEROUS WEAPON, BUT SUCH CLAIM OF A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE MAY BE CONSIDERED IN MITIGATION OF ANY DISCIPLINARY PENALTY.**

Any student in possession of a dangerous weapon, or replica or facsimile of a dangerous weapon, in violation of this policy or who uses any item or instrumentality to threaten harm to any person or is used to harm any person may be placed under emergency suspension from school, pending an investigation of the incident by the appropriate technology center or legal authorities. Students who violate this policy may be suspended from school, barred from technology center property and all technology center activities for any period of time up to the maximum period authorized by law. Additionally, appropriate technology center staff members may seek to file criminal charges against the student.

HB 1652 amended Okla. Stat. tit. 21 § 1277 by designating the limited areas in which concealed handguns can be located on a technology center campus. Adult students may not carry a gun into any technology center school facility (including offices, common areas, or structures of whatever type or kind). Likewise, it is unlawful for any adult student to carry a handgun onto the campus of a K-12 school whether or not the adult student is engaged in an activity related to the technology center in which the student is enrolled. Students found in possession or control of a handgun in violation of school policies and applicable state or federal laws will suffer the most severe disciplinary consequences available, including removal from school, and referral of unlawful handgun possession or storage to authorities for criminal prosecution. The only area adult students, who have a valid concealed carry license, may have a handgun on a technology center campus is in a vehicle in the parking lot of the school campus, provided the handgun is carried or

stored as required by law. No handgun may be removed from a vehicle absent the express permission of the superintendent.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

1. Meridian Technology Center has developed emergency responses to a list of emergency situations. An active Emergency Response Team meets regularly to review and discuss the procedures and their impact on the organization and the team will update the procedures throughout the year, as necessary. The procedures are approved annually by the Board of Education and published in an Emergency Response and Safety Manual that is available electronically for every employee.
2. In the event of an actual emergency, the Director of Communications and Marketing and the Superintendent will work together, and in the best of interest of everyone, to notify the media, parents, and patrons. A notification system can be activated to deploy messages by phone, email, or text.
3. A total of ten drills, (two for fire, four for security, two for tornado, and two at the discretion of the district) are conducted per school year. A report including the following information: date; time; name of person conducting the drill; an explanation if the equipment and process worked as designed; and a list of problems (if any) that occurred during the drill, whether they were mechanical or human in nature shall be completed.

CAMPUS LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. An excellent working relationship exists between the Stillwater Police Department and Meridian Technology Center. All crimes, regardless of their nature, are immediately reported to the Stillwater Police Department.
2. Meridian Technology Center encourages all persons to report any criminal or suspicious activities to campus directors. School officials will investigate all incidents.

CRIME STATISTICS

Below is information on crimes and incidents that occurred during the past three (3) calendar years. The data is also available at the US Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education (<http://ope.ed.gov/security>). From the home page:

- Click Get data for one institution/campus
- Enter Meridian Technology
- Click Main campus

This data includes a summary of offenses for the past 3 years.

(Current and Past Two Years)

	2021	2022	2023
Murder	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Forcible	0	0	0
Sex Offenses – Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Hate Crimes	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0
Weapon Possession	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0

HOW TO AVOID VICTIMIZATION

You are offered these tips for your personal safety and property security:

- Report strangers and suspicious activity to a campus administrator.
- Avoid getting into vulnerable/no exit places.
- Do not hesitate to call police when confronted by suspicious persons.
- Report all incidents and losses to the police immediately.
- Walk at night in groups of at least two.
- Walk with confidence and avoid walking near bushes and parked vehicles .
- Remove valuables from view and lock your vehicle when parking.
- Record the account numbers or make copies of credit cards and other valuables in your wallet or purse and keep in a secure place.
- Write your name in textbooks.
- Do no leave books, book bags, school supplies, coats, or other items in unsecured places.

SEX OFFENSE PREVENTION

Meridian Technology Center annually provides information to, and conducts education programs for staff and students promoting the awareness of rape, acquaintance rape, and other offenses. These activities include orientation of the new employee to Meridian Technology Center's policies concerning sexual harassment of employees and students, reporting suspected child abuse and/or neglect, student conduct, and student behavior code.

REPORTING A SEX OFFENSE

If a sex offense occurs, staff and students are encouraged to notify a campus administrator who will assist in notifying the local police authority or the Stillwater Police Department immediately. As much evidence as possible should be gathered, noted, and given to the administrator or police officer at the time the crime is reported.

SANCTIONS FOR RAPE, ACQUAINTANCE RAPE, OR OTHER SEX OFFENSES

Meridian Technology Center's policy concerning sanctions for assault and battery of another student or person engaging in acts of immorality follows the School Laws of Oklahoma, 7024101 which reads: "Students who are guilty of any of the following acts may be suspended out-of-school by the administration of the School or the District for: (a) violation of a school regulation; (b) immorality; (c) adjudication as a delinquent for an offense that is not a violent offense. For the purpose of this section, "violent offense" shall include those offenses listed as the exceptions to the term "nonviolent offenses" as specified in Section 571 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes. "Violent offense" shall include the offense of assault with a dangerous weapon, but shall not include the offense of assault; (d) possession of an intoxicating beverage, low-point beer, as defined by Section 163.2 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, wireless telecommunication device, or missing or stolen property if the property is reasonably suspected to have been taken from a student, a school employee, or the school during school activities; and (e) possession of a dangerous weapon or a controlled dangerous substance, as defined in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act. Possession of a firearm shall result in out-of-school suspension as provided in the District's policy related to firearms. In the event of a suspension for any of the reasons listed above, an education plan shall be applicable for acts which fall within parts "a" through "d." No education plan shall be necessary for acts which fall within part "e" above. Students suspended for a violent offense directed toward a classroom teacher shall not be allowed to return to the teacher's classroom without the teacher's prior approval.

Whether an offense is considered a violent offense, requiring an affected teacher's approval as a condition of return to a particular classroom, shall be based on applicable provisions of the Oklahoma school law regarding student suspension and applicable Oklahoma criminal law distinguishing between violent and nonviolent offenses."

Although the law states that a student can appeal to the board of education of the district, Meridian Technology Center's policy provides for the first appeal to the superintendent. The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a hearing before the superintendent and/or board of education. The results of the hearing(s) for the alleged sexual assault shall be provided to both the accuser and the accused.

COUNSELING AND CONFIDENTIAL CRIME REPORTING

The Career Planning Center (CPC) offers a variety of services to facilitate student development in the academic, career, and personal/social areas. The CPC staff includes a certified and licensed professional counselor. Services include community referrals and crisis intervention.

All information disclosed to counselors is confidential with the exception of child abuse, immediate threat of serious or foreseeable harm to self or identified others or court ordered disclosure. This policy is discussed during New Student Orientation and is present on the Meridian Technology Center Website under Career Services.

During the course of counseling, professional counselors, or other professionals under contract with MTC to provide counseling services may become aware of unreported crimes such as sexual assaults. The Clery Act excludes pastoral and professional counselors from responsibility of reporting crimes discovered as part of their counseling duties. The counseling staff may, at their discretion, provide information about these alleged crimes to Campus Security without revealing the source or identifying any details of the alleged crime. If reported, only the tally and category of the alleged crime is reported -- nothing else. Campus Security will not investigate any crime reported confidentially unless the victim of the crime files a report directly with student resource officer or with the police agency having primary jurisdiction where the alleged offense occurred.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS AND BYSTANDERS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING

Wings of Hope, Stillwater Domestic Violence Services and Parent Assistance Center (SDVS/PAC) Help Line is a 24-hour help line for those experiencing

domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crisis situations. Confidential services are available from trained personnel to those in crisis.

24-hour Help line: 405-624-3020 (Stillwater area) or 1-800-624-3020

Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-522-3511

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Wings of Hope

Wings of Hope's mission is to provide comprehensive and confidential services to individuals and families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child abuse or neglect. They also seek social change through community awareness and client advocacy.

Wings of Hope Family Crisis Services provides comprehensive and confidential services to individuals and families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child abuse or neglect.

Wings of Hops seeks to put an end to interpersonal violence and help families end the cycle of violence that is frequently passed on from one generation to the next.

3800 N Washington Ave, Stillwater, OK 74075, 405-372-9922

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Victim Assistance Program

The types of services offered include crisis intervention and prevention, personal and legal advocacy, logistical assistance and education and awareness. Program staff is available to respond to crime scene to begin immediate support services for the victim. This may include crisis counseling and making assurance that the victim is safe from further harm.

335588 E 750 Road, Perkins, OK 74059, 405-547-4234

24-hour crisis line: 405-880-1749

COMMUNITY COUNSELING, MENTAL HEALTH, OR STUDENT SERVICES

Victims of sex offenses may be referred to or may seek assistance from these local counseling, mental health, or student services:

- Edwin Fair Community Mental Health Center
- Private Counselors
- OSU University Counseling Services
- Payne County Youth Services

- Domestic Violence
- OSU Psychological Services
- Creoks Behavioral Health Services
- Misdemeanor Program
- OSU Wellness Center

For other locations of assistance, contact:

Jeanie Zagar, Director, Career Planning Center
Teri Ray, Career Counselor

ACCOMMODATION

Students have the option to change their academic schedule after an alleged sexual assault incident if requested by the victim and if these changes are reasonably available.

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Meridian Technology Center prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol or controlled substances by any students or employees on its property, or as part of any of its activities except as they may be prescribed by a qualified physician or other person licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, or administer a controlled substance to treat an individual's physical or mental condition.

Controlled substances are listed in Schedules I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act found in 21 U.S.C. S 812 and as further defined by regulations found at C.F.R. S 1300.11 through S 1300.15.

This program is adopted pursuant to and in compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989.

LEGAL SANCTIONS

Local, state, and federal laws provide for a variety of legal sanctions for the unlawful possession and distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol. These sanctions include, but are not limited to, incarceration and monetary fines.

The Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, as amended and adopted by the United States Congress, provides penalties including imprisonment ranging up to life in prison, fines up to four million dollars, and forfeiture of property for the unlawful possession or distribution of controlled substances.

Oklahoma law provides that any person convicted of distributing, dispensing, or possessing with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled dangerous substance or a counterfeit substance shall be guilty of a felony and may be imprisoned up to 20 years and fined up to \$100,000 depending on the type of controlled substance involved. Subsequent convictions shall be punishable by twice the imprisonment and fine otherwise authorized. County and city laws are similar to federal and state.

If drugs are involved, the city will most likely defer to the state or federal authorities because their penalties are more severe. If alcohol is involved, a person may be

convicted of violating both local and state laws and punished according to both laws.

HEALTH RISKS

The illegal use of controlled substances has a substantial and detrimental effect on the health and general welfare of the American people. More than 25,000 people die each year from drug related accidents or health problems. With most drugs, it is probable that users will develop psychological and physical dependence. The health risks associated with the unlawful use of controlled substances depend upon the combination used and the individual using them. The following are general categories of drugs and their effects.

- **Alcohol:** Short term effects include behavioral changes, impairment of judgment and coordination, greater likelihood of aggressive acts, respiratory depression, irreversible physical and mental abnormalities in newborns (fetal alcohol syndrome), and death. Long-term effects of alcohol abuse include damage to the liver, heart and brain, ulcers, gastritis, malnutrition, delirium tremors, and cancer. Alcohol combined with other barbiturates/depressants can prove to be a deadly mixture.

- **Amphetamines/Stimulants:** (speed, uppers, crank, caffeine, etc.) Amphetamines speed up the nervous system, which can cause increased heart and breathing rates, higher blood pressure, decreased appetite, headaches, blurred vision, dizziness, sleepiness, and death due to a stroke or heart failure.

- **Anabolic Steroids:** Steroids affect the liver, cardiovascular, and reproductive systems. They can cause sterility in males and females, as well as impotency in males.

- **Barbiturates/Depressants:** (downers, quaaludes, valiums, etc.) Depressants slow down the central nervous system, which can cause decreased heart and breathing rates, lower blood pressure, slowed reactions, cause confusion and distortion of reality, convulsions, respiratory depression, coma, and death. Depressants combined with alcohol can be lethal.

- **Cocaine/Crack:** Cocaine stimulates the central nervous system and is extremely addictive, both psychologically and physically. Effects include dilated pupils, increased heart rate, elevated blood pressure, insomnia, loss of appetite, hallucinations, paranoia, seizures, and death due to cardiac arrest or respiratory failure.

- **Hallucinogens:** (PCP, angel dust, LSD, etc.) Hallucinogens interrupt the functions of the part of the brain which controls the

intellect and instincts. This may result in self-inflicted injuries, impaired coordination, dulled senses, incoherent speech, depression, anxiety, violent behavior, paranoia, hallucinations, increased heart rate and blood pressure, convulsions, coma, or heart and lung failure.

- **Narcotics:** (smack, horse, demerol, percodan, etc.)

Narcotics initially produce feelings of euphoria often followed by drowsiness, nausea, and vomiting. An overdose may result in convulsions, coma, and death. Tolerance develops rapidly and dependence is likely. Using contaminated syringes to inject such drugs may result in AIDS.

- **Cannabis:** (marijuana, hashish, hash, etc.)

Cannabis impairs short term memory, comprehension, concentration, coordination, and motivation. This may also cause paranoia and psychosis. Marijuana smoke contains more cancer-causing agents than tobacco smoke. The way in which marijuana is smoked, deeply inhaled, and held in the lungs for an extended period, enhances the risk of getting cancer. Combined with alcohol, marijuana can produce a dangerous multiplied effect.

- **Tobacco/Nicotine:** Tobacco causes approximately 170,000 people in the United States to die each year from smoking related coronary heart disease. Thirty percent of the 130,000 cancer deaths each year are linked to smoking; lung, larynx, esophagus, bladder, pancreas, and kidney cancers strike smokers at increased rates. Emphysema and chronic bronchitis are ten times more likely among smokers.

- **Inhalants:** (aerosol sprays, glue solvents, etc.)

The immediate negative effects of inhalants include nausea, sneezing, coughing, nosebleeds, fatigue, lack of coordination, and loss of appetite. Solvents and aerosol sprays also decrease the heart and respiratory rates and impair judgment. Amyl and butyl nitrite cause rapid pulse, headaches, and involuntary passing of urine and feces. Long-term use may result in hepatitis or brain damage. Deeply inhaling the vapors, or using substantial amounts over a brief time, may result in disorientation, violent behavior, unconsciousness, or death.

High concentrations of inhalants can cause suffocation by displacing the oxygen in the lungs or by depressing the central nervous system to the point that breathing stops.

- **Designer Drugs:** (synthetic heroin, ecstasy, new heroin, etc.)

Illegal drugs are defined in terms of their chemical formulas. To circumvent these legal restrictions, underground chemists modify the molecular structure of certain illegal drugs to produce analogs known as designer drugs. These drugs can be

several hundred times stronger than the drugs they are designed to imitate. Many of the so-called designer drugs are related to amphetamines and have mild stimulant properties but are mostly euphorants.

They can produce severe neurochemical damage to the brain. The narcotic analogs can cause symptoms such as those seen in Parkinson's disease: uncontrollable tremors, drooling, impaired speech, paralysis, and irreversible brain damage. Analogs of amphetamines and methamphetamines cause nausea, blurred vision, chills or sweating, and faintness. Psychological effects include anxiety, depression, and paranoia. As little as one dose can cause brain damage. The analogs of phencyclidine cause illusions, hallucinations, and impaired perception.

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

Students and employees of Meridian Technology Center have the right to know the dangers of drug abuse, the school policy about drugs, and sources of help that are available to combat drug or alcohol problems.

The following are drug abuse prevention activities:

- Staff drug prevention in-service
- Student orientation program in the prevention of drug abuse
- Drug abuse prevention posters in the school
- Employee drug testing in compliance with Standards for Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Act

Meridian Technology Center does not sponsor any drug or alcohol counseling, treatment or rehabilitation, or reentry programs. Students and employees needing referral may be referred to or may seek assistance from the agencies listed below:

To find treatment options in your area, please visit: [FindTreatment.gov](https://www.findtreatment.gov)

STILLWATER

Payne County Drug Court Program
608 W Highpoint Drive
Stillwater, OK 74076
(405) 743-1968

Payne County Youth Services
2224 West 12th Street
Stillwater, OK 74074
(405) 377-3380

GUTHRIE

Logan County Youth and Family Services
4710 S. Division
Guthrie, OK 73044
(405) 282--5524

OTHER LOCATIONS

Northcare Family Treatment Center
7127 N County Line Road
Piedmont, OK 73078
(405) 282-8232

VIOLATIONS

Meridian Technology Center will terminate the enrollment of student(s) who possess, use, or distribute illicit drugs. Meridian Technology Center will dismiss from employment those employees who possess, use, or distribute illicit drugs. Students and employees who possess, use, or distribute illicit drugs will be referred for prosecution to the appropriate governmental authorities.

A review committee conducts a biannual review of its drug abuse prevention program. The review committee will determine the expectations of the drug abuse prevention program, implement changes to the program if needed, and ensure that disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced.

**For more information, contact:
Superintendent/CEO
Meridian Technology Center
1312 South Sangre Road
Stillwater, OK 74074-1899
(405) 377-3333**

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1. Go to U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education (<http://ope.ed.gov/security>)
2. Follow the "Get data for one institution/campus" link on the right-hand side of the page.
3. Enter "Meridian Technology Center" at Name of institution.

4. Click "Search."
5. Select the "Main Campus" link.
6. General information is displayed. Links to "Criminal Offenses," "Hate Offenses," and "Arrests" contain more detailed information.