

Family Gun Safe Storage Pledge

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Unsecured firearms in the home pose a risk for both youth suicide and unintentional firearm death. In most school attacks where a firearm was used, the weapon was obtained from home. In many cases, the firearm was not secured. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that firearms should be locked and unloaded, with ammunition locked separately. Many youth firearm deaths and injuries are preventable if families and/or caregivers follow safe gun storage guidelines. We are asking families and caregivers to join us in making our school and community safer by signing a gun safe storage pledge.

We, parents/guardians, acknowledge the recommendations for safe gun storage and pledge to:

- Store firearms locked and unloaded and to lock ammunition separately.
- Secure firearms with cable style locks as an additional layer of security. Usage of a cable style lock does not replace the need to lock up firearms and ammunition separately.
- Prevent youth from having unsupervised access to firearms in our home. Access to firearms will be supervised by an adult and youth will not have access to unlocking mechanisms.
- Ask other families whether there is an unlocked firearm when arranging play dates. Be receptive when other families ask the same.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date