

HSD Safe Rooms

The Huntsville School District has two Safe Rooms for the benefit of students, staff, and the community. They are located on the Watson Primary School and Huntsville Intermediate School campuses. These buildings were financed primarily by federal and state funds. They provide space for people to be able to seek shelter in the event of severe weather. The Safe Rooms are built to the standards of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and are designed to withstand the strong winds of even the most severe weather experienced in this area. Although designed for use in severe weather, they are also used every day by students and teachers. All residents of the Huntsville School District are encouraged to review and become familiar with the rules and procedures on this page which are designed to insure the orderly operation of the Safe Rooms for everyone who wishes to take advantage of their availability. We are delighted that we are able to have these Safe Rooms available for our students and for the community.

Rules and Procedures

- Safe Room doors are unlocked by the Huntsville Police Department when the tornado siren sounds.
- Safe Room is open only to the public when a tornado warning (not watch) has been issued and/or the tornado sirens have been sounded.
- The Safe Room will remain open only until the tornado warning is lifted. When the warning expires, the Safe Room must be vacated.
- During school hours, students and staff have priority for Safe Room occupancy.
- It is mandatory to follow the directions of the school administrator or police officer at all times.
- Pets are not allowed in the Safe Room.
- Food and drink are not permitted in the shelter.
- Smoking or tobacco in any form is prohibited in the Safe Room and on all school property in accordance with Arkansas law.
- Radios, or other music devices may be used only with individual earphones.