

Tornado Safe Room Zone

RE: Richland R-IV School District Elementary Community Safe Room

Dear Friends and Neighbors of Richland R-IV School District:

We are pleased to announce that the Richland R-IV School District Elementary Community Safe Room is close to completion. The safe room will be used during a tornado and high wind events. The safe room is located on Richland R-IV School District Campus at 304 Mildred Street, Richland, Missouri 65556.

The facility is owned by the Richland R-IV School District. The Safe Room's first function is to provide protection for its students and staff from tornadoes and dangerous high wind events during school hours.

The tornado Safe Room will also be available for residents in the community that do not have basements or other safe rooms that live within what we refer to as the "Tornado Protection Zone" (TPZ).

TPZ in which you are located (see map), is the intended protection zone. Due to estimated time necessary to reach the Safe Room after a warning has been given and the maximum capacity of 769 persons, including the student body, staff and surrounding residents, the tornado Safe Room cannot provide Safe Room for those beyond the protection zone.

The Special Needs Form (physical impairments, special medical alerts, aid animal instructions, etc) needs to be completed and returned to the superintendent's office within one week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tina Turner, Superintendent of Schools
Richland R-IV School District

**Evacuees requiring aid animals will be allowed to bring the aid animal in the tornado Safe Room. The aid animal shall be on a leash and kept under the owner's control at all times. To enter the Safe Room proper official identification must be provided to show that the animal is certified as an aid animal. Needs for the animal such as water, food, and cleaning supplies are to be provided by the owner. The owner is responsible for the actions of the aid animal.

NOTE: Companion animals and other household pets are **not** allowed in the Safe Room area due to the space the pets will require which will reduce the amount of space for humans.