

December 9, 2022
WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL
WINTER DANCE

1700-1900	Wallace Middle School hosted an after-school dance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nine campus adults were on campus supervising the event - The campus school resource officer (SRO) was on campus at the event. - All students were required to present and wear their campus ID. - All students' belongings (bags and backpacks) were locked in the office.
1812	Student reported to administrator that a friend at the dance told him that he heard someone say they were going to shoot up the school. The reporting student advised that they did not know who made the original comment or what exactly was heard. That reporting student provided the name of their friend who reported the information to them.
1813	Administrator met with SRO and the reporting student about what was heard. The campus team began the process of locating any students or information to obtain specific information.
1813-1845	Campus team met with several students and contacted several adults. No specific information, threats, weapons, photographs or postings were located.
1845	Dance participants were told that the dance was concluded. The lights were flashed on and off and told to start moving towards the exits after picking up their belongings. This is the normal procedure and time that this type of event is announced and ended.
1845	Students began to exit the building to meet their rides.
1849	Hays County SO (HCSO) receives a call on their administrative line (not 911) in which a mother of a WMS student reported that there was a shooting at WMS. She indicated that she received this information from her student who was at the dance.
1850	HCSO dispatched units to WMS to respond to an active shooter incident
1851	Kyle Police Department (KPD) also responds to WMS.
1851	A second administrative call is received via law enforcement dispatch (not 911) in which parent of WMS student reports that they are shutting down the dance because of a shooting outside.
1854	KPD arrives on scene and meets with SRO who advises that there are no issues on campus.
1855	Responding law enforcement units are advised there is no incident at WMS that requires law enforcement response
1857	Additional law enforcement units are cancelled.
1906	KPD Criminal Investigations Division is called to the scene to investigate the incident.

Hays CISD and KPD have collaborated and have interviewed multiple subjects as well as scoured social media for evidence regarding this incident. An extensive review of camera recordings has been completed as well.

The information disseminated on social media has led to erroneous statements and misinformation. The time line is significant to the events as they occurred. School personnel were aware of a vague threat with no articulable facts or information but immediately began an investigation.

The safety protocols in place during the dance included student items being secured; bags and backpacks were locked in the office. An abundance of adult supervision and an officer was present in the confined area for the dance. This made observation of the students easily accomplished. Staff remained on alert and monitored the event closely.

Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for students to relay social media posts, rumors, and misinformation to one another. This often leads to investigations that require a great deal of interviews to find the “source” of the incident. Often, people who have direct knowledge post to social media platforms instead of contacting law enforcement or the school immediately. In this instance, we had a comment overheard by one person, relayed to another person that contained no specific articulable facts that was reported to campus adults. The incident was actively being addressed and monitored. A full 36 minutes after the incident was known, a call was made to law enforcement citing that there was an active shooter event on campus. This call was made after the initial investigation uncovered no threat; however, the investigation was continuing.

All threats of any type are immediately and thoroughly investigated. We abide by “See Something, Say Something, Do Something” and our Standard Response Protocol. We commend the student who came forward and reported the second-hand information to our team so we could immediately start addressing it. This is exactly what we strive to accomplish.

The information did not rise to an immediate risk or threat. Unfortunately, the misinformation obtained by some adults via erroneous texts or calls by students led to an emergency law enforcement response. The incident has been fully investigated by Kyle Police Department with assistance from HCISD. Students who have been interviewed have not produced any evidence and their account of events has changed throughout the investigation. The origin of the initial information cannot be located. The case is closed with no further action being taken.