

Hold Status - Medical Situation

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Odessa Shannon MS is currently a Hold status due a medical emergency in our school. We will update the school community with information as it becomes available.

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Message From: Natasha Booms
Subject: Incident in PE today

Dear Parents and Guardians.

This email is to inform you of an incident that occurred today during your child's Physical Education class at Odessa Shannon Middle School. During the class, a student threw an item that struck another student. School staff responded immediately to provide assistance and to ensure the safety of all students in the area. As a precaution, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) were called. The student received medical attention, and we followed all appropriate safety and reporting

procedures. The families of the students involved have been contacted.

Please know that we take incidents like this very seriously. Our staff will continue to reinforce appropriate behavior and safety expectations in all settings, including Physical Education classes, to ensure the well-being of every student.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our school community safe and supportive.

Sincerely,

Dr. Natasha H. Booms

Principal

Odessa Shannon Middle School



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October 23, 2025

Subject: A Message Concerning a Serious Incident at Odessa Shannon Middle School

Dear Odessa Shannon Middle School Community,

I want to take a moment to acknowledge a very serious incident that occurred during a Physical Education class yesterday. During the class, a student was struck by what was described as a metal object thrown by another student, resulting in injuries that required immediate medical attention. Emergency Medical Technicians responded quickly, and the student was transported to the hospital. At this time, we understand the student remains in serious condition. Our thoughts and hearts are with the student and their family, and we are staying in contact to offer support and receive updates on their condition.

Yesterday, our first priority was the well-being of the injured student, the students and staff who were directly involved, and ensuring that appropriate emergency procedures were followed. During the incident, we enacted a HOLD status to allow EMTs and first responders to quickly and safely assist the student, and we alerted families about the HOLD using Remind messages. Our last communication of the day went to the families of the students in the affected Physical Education class, containing specifics to what students may have witnessed. This morning, we provided counseling support to the students in the impacted class and will continue to do so if students are in need.

We recognize that any serious incident affects our entire school community. Please know we are taking this matter seriously and with care. Our staff will continue to reinforce expectations for safety and appropriate behavior, and additional supports are available for students or staff who may need to talk about what happened.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership in keeping our students safe and cared for.

Sincerely,

Dr. Natasha H. Booms Principal Odessa Shannon Middle School