

Before an Emergency – Information for Parents

Crises range in scope and intensity from incidents that directly or indirectly affect a single student to ones that impact the entire community. Crises can happen before, during, or after school and on or off school campuses. The definition of a crisis varies with the unique needs, resources, and assets of a school and community. The information that follows may help you and your students be better prepared in the event of an emergency.

WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED TO HAPPEN AT SCHOOL DURING AN EMERGENCY:

- Staff and Students are notified of the emergency type – Shelter in Place, Lockdown or Code Red Lockdown
- Law enforcement is notified.
- District Office is notified.
- Website information is updated with emergency information.
- Staff will account for all students and keep them in a safe area until the all-clear is given.
- If school buildings are unsafe, students will be assembled, by class, in an open outdoor area or evacuated to a nearby evacuation site.
- School telephones as lines will be kept open for **emergency use only**.
- Students may be asked to turn off their cell phones during an emergency situation.
- Students will be released only to parents or guardians or other authorized individual. An authorized individual is anyone on the student's emergency contact information at school.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO BEFORE AN EMERGENCY HAPPENS...

- Discuss the above emergency information with your child.
- Check your address and phone numbers in PowerSchool.
- Check your emergency contract information in PowerSchool to be sure the school has an emergency address and phone numbers of people who will care for your child in the event you cannot be reached.

HELPFUL ITEMS TO HAVE AT HOME

- A home telephone that will work without electricity
- List of radio stations / emergency phone numbers
- Battery operated radio
- Extra batteries
- Extra food, water and blankets
- First aid kit / supplies
- Fire extinguisher (know how to use it)
- Location of shut-off valves, and knowledge how to shut off, for both gas and water utilities.