



School Safety During an Emergency or Crisis: What Parents Need to Know

Stay calm and alert:

In the event of a school emergency, please remain calm and know that school staff, district personnel, and emergency first responders are working to keep your child safe. Please keep your phone close and follow the directions provided. Please note that information relayed through social media may not always be accurate.

Please do not come to the school:

We understand your desire to go to the school and the need to see your child, especially when you hear of a school-based incident. However, arriving at the scene before it is secure can interfere with the emergency response and put you in danger. Past school emergencies have shown that one of the greatest challenges to first responders and school staff is managing the number of parents and concerned citizens rushing to the scene. By rushing to the school, parents can unintentionally create traffic jams that may block emergency responders from getting to the school or leaving if necessary to transport injured students or staff to emergency medical facilities. Families should not pick up their students unless given the direction to do so from the District.

Please do not call the school:

We ask that families do not call the school. This allows phone lines to stay open for communication with emergency personnel and school officials. It also helps school staff remain focused on their students' safety. The school and District will ensure information is shared via our phone messaging system and email.

If your child texts or calls you, please keep them calm:

We know that many of our students will try to call or text their parents or guardians during a school emergency. If this occurs, we ask that you stay calm and reassured that help is on the way. Encourage your student to follow the directions of the school staff.

The District will call families in an emergency at a school. Please ensure your emergency contact information is always up to date in PowerSchool.

Don't call the police department or 911:

The police department will be dealing with the school emergency, and the dispatch line should remain open for any other emergencies that could occur in the community.

Be prepared with photo ID:

In the event of an evacuation, the District will follow a standard reunification plan to ensure all students are safely returned to their families. During a reunification, families and individuals listed as authorized persons to pick up your child should do the following:

- Bring a valid form of identification (ID).
- Follow signage and parking directions of the reunification location.
- Wait patiently while you are reunited with your student.

Only approved adults with valid photo identification will be allowed to pick up students from the evacuation location.