MRH School Safety

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School Safety

- Effective Communication/ Information Sharing
- Mental Health/Behavioral Risk
- School Climate and Culture
- Emergency Operations Plan
- Physical Security/Technology
- Training/ Drills
- Cyber Security





Emergency Operations Plan with MOSBA and CES

High Priority Needs

- Exterior Safety Windows and Doors Building Safety
- Common Language- Communication
- Instant Notification Communication
- Reunification

DESE SAFETY GRANT





Safety Film for all exterior doors and windows that are easily accessible.

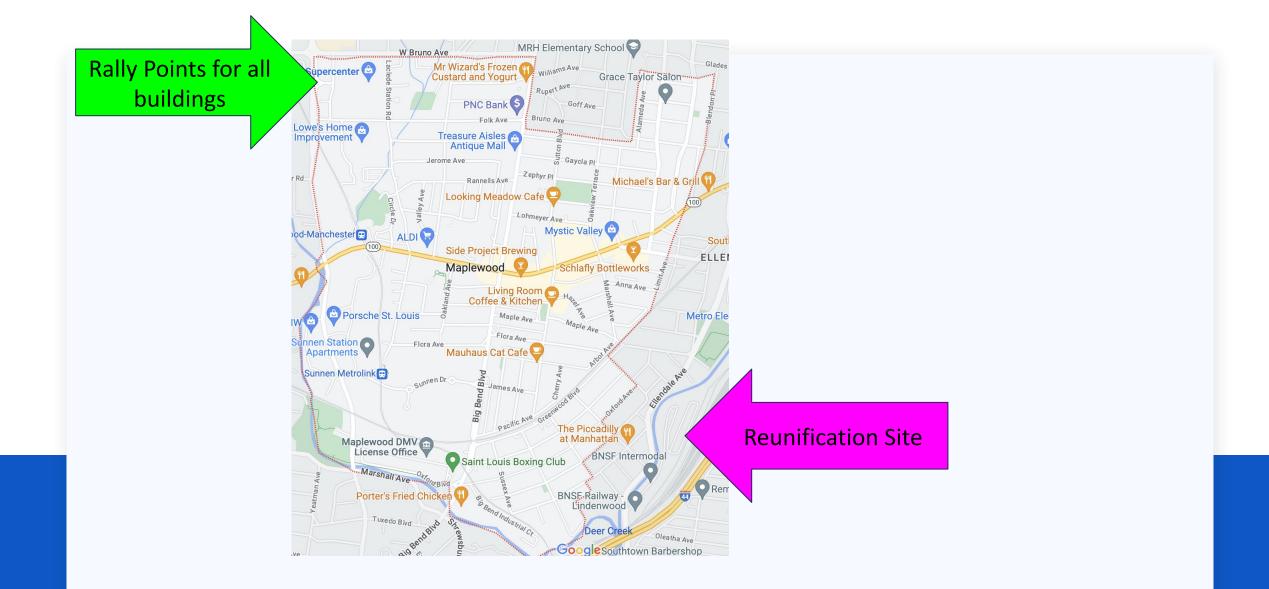




Instantly deliver the information students and staff need to stay safe.







Common

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION

HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

STUDENTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced Do business as usual

ADULTS Close and lock the door Account for students and adults Do business as usual

SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

STUDENTS Return to inside of building Do business as usual

ADULTS Bring everyone indoors Lock outside doors Increase situational awareness Account for students and adults Do business as usual



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LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight. **STUDENTS** Move away from sight

Maintain silence Do not open the door

ADULTS

Recover students from hallway if possible Lock the classroom door Turn out the lights Move away from sight Maintain silence Do not open the door Prepare to evade or defend

EVACUATE! (A location may be specified) STUDENTS ADULTS

Leave stuff behind if required to If possible, bring your phone Follow instructions

Lead students to Evacuation location Account for students and adults Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults

SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy. STUDENTS ADULTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard Safety Strategy Tornado Evacuate to shelter area Hazmat Seal the room Earthouake Drop, cover and hold Tsunami Get to high ground

Lead safety strategy Account for students and adults Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults





HOLD - This would be a hold for an event in the building or nearby the building.

Example - Student destroying a hallway or classroom and we need to keep hallways clear.

What we will say - "HOLD -In your classroom or area, please."

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A HOLD?

Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a hold event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a hold event.

WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student.

WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO HOLD?

When a hold event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Hold is in place.



SECURE - This will be a precautionary lockout for an event in

the community or another school building.

What we will say - "SECURE -Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors"

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a SECURE event.

WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.

WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like an animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place. With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.



Lockdown - This would be used if there is an immediate threat, active killer, or intruder.

What we will say -"LOCKDOWN - Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis. In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

What else can parents do?

- 1. Open Communication
- 2. Validate Feelings
- 3. Stay Calm
- 4. Ask Open-Ended Questions
- 5. Reassure Safety
- 6. Collaborate with School
- 7. Encourage Coping Strategies
- 8. Seek Professional Help
- 9. Family Support
- 10. Self-Care

Remember that every child is unique, and their needs may vary during a crisis. Adapt your approach based on your child's age, personality, and specific situation. Your presence, understanding, and love will go a long way in helping your child navigate difficult times at school.



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