CCPS Security and Emergency Response
Goal

To provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students.

Security can be inconvenient

Balance security and efficiency

Cannot completely lockdown schools and operate
Visitor Management

• Standard practice for ALL visitors and parents

• Visitors are expected to use the intercom system
  • No answer - call the schools main number (posted by the intercom)
  • Will be asked your reason for the visit
  • Report directly to the main office

• Do not hold the door open for other visitors

• Beyond the main office
  • Will be required to show valid govt. issued photo ID
  • No ID – not permitted to go beyond main office without escort
Special Circumstances

• Visitor management system might not be used for large events like assemblies, etc.

• Schools may require a RSVP for such events

• Elem. Schools may use blocks of time for visits during events like field day
Standard Response Protocol (SRP)

- Critical incidents trigger one of 5 actions
  - Hold
  - Secure
  - Lockdown
  - Evacuate
  - Shelter
- Administrators and staff are trained on the SRP annually
- Staff also receives additional training for active assailants
- Schools to drill these actions in various forms (required by law)
- Most actions precautionary
Parent Expectations

• Receive notification from Central Office
  • As soon as possible – accurate information must be obtained
  • Remain by phone or email for updates/instructions

• DO NOT GO TO THE SCHOOL UNLESS INSTRUCTED
  • Many actions are precautionary - school will return to normal activity
  • No access to students until situation is rendered safe
  • Responding to school compounds issues for staff and emergency responders

• DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL FOR INFORMATION
  • Staff are busy handling incident
  • Updates will be sent via School Messenger
HOLD

Internal situation (medical emergency, hazmat spill, etc.)

Actions:
• Clear the hallways and remain in room
• No one enters the area in which isolation has been implemented
• Conduct business as usual within held room or area
• May be localized to one area or entire school
External Threats or Police Activity in Area

Actions:
• Verify all exterior doors are closed and locked
• No outside activity
• No one comes in or out of building
• Classes may change – students may move around in building

*THIS REPLACED THE OLD SRP TERM OF LOCKOUT*
LOCKDOWN

Internal Threats – Trespasser or Assailant

Actions:
• Close doors (doors are staged in the locked position)
• Fortify doors – barricade or tie off as appropriate
• Move away from doorway – out of sight from hallway
• Quiet – phones silenced and no talking
• Evacuate through primary or secondary exit - if safe
• Students stuck in hallway – evacuate through nearest safe exit
Directed - fire, gas leaks, bomb threat or other internal issues

Actions:
• Evacuate through nearest safe exit
• Move to predesignated locations
• May reenter building if determined safe by fire department
SHELTER

External – Chemical spill, severe weather

Actions:
• Remain inside the building
• Take specific actions due to threat i.e., tornado
• Depending on incident students may eventually be evacuated
Reunification

If students are evacuated to another location:

• Guardians will receive specific instructions for student pick up or transportation via school messenger

• **Make sure you bring photo identification when picking up your student**

• Accountability is very important

• Guardians should exercise patience
School Resource Officers (SRO)

Primary Responsibilities:
• Provide security
• Handle crimes that schools would normally request police response
• Develop positive relationships with students (mentor)

Will not be used for or in lieu of school discipline

See CCPS - Security website for specific roles and authority for SROs
Security Initiative

• Middle schools without a permanent SRO’s will have deputies assigned on overtime

• All schools will continue to receive routine patrols by law enforcement officers
“See Something, Say Something”
“Don’t Repost”

**Reporting**
- Don’t delay
- During normal schools hours – report to school administrators
- After hours – report to local law enforcement
- Social media threats should be photographed, or screen shot
- Never repost or spread rumors

**All** threats are treated seriously
- Collaborative Investigations – school admin., school security and local law enforcement
- Most are unsubstantiated
Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line

833-MD-B-SAFE
A SAFER SCHOOL BEGINS WITH YOU.

Download the SafeSchoolsMD app
Security is Everyone’s Responsibility

Concerns should be brought immediately to the attention of:

• Your respective school administrators

• SROs or other local law enforcement

• (Acting) Supervisor of Security and Emergency Management

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