

BURRELL SCHOOL DISTRICT: SCHOOL SAFETY OVERVIEW

Burrell School District is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff and visitors. We work closely with state, county and local safety officials – *police, fire, emergency medical services, and public health*– in order to ensure our schools are well prepared for an emergency situation. The ***Burrell School District's Comprehensive Safety Plan*** was constructed based on the recommendations of these experts in order to ensure the latest procedures are utilized. The district's staff periodically reviews and practices these routines in order to be best prepared for all emergency situations. Our primary goal is to provide your children a safe environment where they can grow academically, socially and emotionally.

A well-developed School Safety Plan requires effective communication amongst all staff, parents, students and stakeholders. Therefore, we want to provide you some information about what to do and expect during an emergency event at one of the school buildings.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY— Notification:

Parents will receive information by a variety of methods, depending on the time and manner of the crisis. Information will be provided on an as-needed basis only after all students' safety is secured. Administration will provide as much information on the situation as possible to parents without compromising the safety of any person involved and without violating laws relating to confidentiality.

Burrell School District communication methods include:

- **School Messenger:** This system is designed to send an emergency message via a phone call and/or text or email message to families. It is essential that you provide the District with accurate phone numbers and email addresses. Also, please listen to the entire message prior to calling the school in order to keep phone lines open.
- **District Website:** Emergency information may appear on the District's homepage at <http://www.burrell.k12.pa.us>
- **Edline:** This system is a K-12 web-based paperless communication tool; all registered users will receive email notification messages with pertinent emergency-situation information from the district. It is important that parents ensure they are registered with Edline accounts through their child's respective school building.
- **Local Media:** There may be emergencies that prompt us to use our local media, both newspaper and television, to provide information to our parents.

In the event of an emergency, we understand that a parent's first reaction will be to come to the school in order to pick up his/her child. However, when there is a significant emergency, we urge parents to refrain from coming to the school building because it may interfere with the capacity of emergency personnel to perform their jobs effectively. If there would ever be a need for you to pick up your child from school because of an emergency situation, it will be communicated. Additionally, the use of cell phones during an emergency may interfere with the ability of school and emergency personnel to communicate important information regarding the emergency situation. Please refrain from using a cell phone to contact your child and ask your child to refrain from using their cell phone during an emergency situation.

School safety is everyone's responsibility – staff, students, parents and the entire community. We must work together to keep our schools safe. Please report any safety concerns you may have to your school's principal immediately.