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In today’s lesson, we will be learning about the ALICE protocol which is used to increase odds of survival during a violent intruder event. ALICE, which stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate, is a post-Columbine, Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook strategy that goes beyond the conventional lockdown.

ALICE Training for High School Students Video

The following video was made for another school district but perfectly explains the ALICE protocol and we wanted to show it to you today

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfWbyRPcCYo

A=Alert

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ALERT – If you see something, or hear credible information that could present imminent danger, SAY SOMETHING. Find the nearest adult to relay the information to and lockdown/barricade or evacuate. If you are alone and have your phone, dial 911. Trust your gut…better safe than sorry.

L=Lockdown

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LOCKDOWN – This will be an ENHANCED lockdown. If we are ‘locking down’ – we are BARRICADING. Do whatever it takes to keep the door from opening and place items in front of the door to slow down the intruder. This is also the time to identify objects which can be used to stop or distract the intruder should he or she breach the barricade. Once barricaded, remain silent. Lights should remain on unless windows cannot be covered.

I=Inform

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INFORM – Information will be vitally important during an active shooter situation. If you know something, share it. If something has been posted on social media, report it. If you are alone outside of a classroom, call 911 to report intruder location or sounds you may hear and report your location. Administration and Security will announce information, including location of intruder, as we know it. You will be kept informed to the maximum extent possible so that you are able to make informed decisions regarding your safety.

C=Counter

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COUNTER – Be prepared to protect yourself by using distraction techniques. Throw items found in your immediate area; yell at the intruder; if feasible, tackle the intruder and ‘dogpile’ him or her until law enforcement arrives. If a weapon is involved, cover it with a box or trash can once it is away from the intruder.

E=Evacuate

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EVACUATE – When you are certain that the intruder is not in your immediate area, EVACUATE. Leave your belongings behind and locate the nearest exterior door or break a window; do NOT run further into the building. When you exit the building, make sure your arms are up. If law enforcement is present, they will direct you. If law enforcement is not present, KEEP RUNNING. Do not get into your car. Though we do have designated relocation sites, you should run in the direction of closest protection. Encourage and assist anybody who is attempting to escape with you. When safe, report your location to an adult if possible.

OTHER EMERGENCY ACTIONS

Fire Drills: We must continue to hold fire drills, though not as many as previously required. Be sure to be efficient when evacuating for any reason as to minimize loss to instructional time. In the event of an actual fire, you will report to the designated area unless the route is blocked; then evacuate through the nearest available exit.

OTHER EMERGENCY ACTIONS

Shelter-in-Place: If an emergency or police activity is occurring in surrounding neighborhoods, we may need to ‘shelter-in-place.’ Instruction will continue, but classrooms will be locked and students will not move to their next classes until released to do so. Students will not be allowed to leave campus, and students arriving to campus will not have access to campus.

OTHER EMERGENCY ACTIONS

Evacuation: There are many reasons an evacuation may be called (gas leak, bomb threat, building structural concerns, etc.) and guidance will be provided along the way. Students will re-locate to primary evacuation sites (dirt lot on the corner of Barstow and Alameda; church on the corner of Wyoming and Wilshire), and if necessary, then be moved to secondary sites (Desert Ridge MS or Domingo Baca Community Center) for dismissal and/or parent pick-up. Law enforcement will assist during an evacuation.

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Questions and Concerns

If your teacher is unable to answer your question or address concerns, they will submit them to administration and security for follow-up.