

Alameda Unified School District Safety Procedures

The Alameda Unified School District has uniform emergency procedures that are taught and implemented at every school site in the district. These procedures-which apply to intruders, fires, earthquakes, chemical spills, and other potential emergency situations-were created in collaboration with the Alameda Police Department and are based on up-to-date research about school safety.

School staff and students plan and practice these emergency responses throughout the school year.

In the event that a critical emergency occurs at your child's school, AUSD staff will let all parents in the school know about the situation, including how and where they can pick up their children if the incident takes place near the end of the school day.

You may receive that message via:

- an automated phone call, text or email based on your preferences in ParentSquare
- message posted on the school's website

AUSD will also tweet information via @AUSDNews and post information on the Alameda Unified School District Facebook page. In a serious incident, AUSD may also make announcements via local media outlets.

If you are on your child's school campus or any AUSD school campus during a critical emergency, please follow all instructions given to you by the school principal and/or law enforcement. Please also refrain from attempting to find and remove your child, as you may be putting you and your child into harm's way.

If you would like to review your child's school site emergency plan, please contact your principal. The plans are available in the school office.

District Property Surveillance Systems

The Board of Education is committed to providing a school environment that promotes the safety of students, staff, and visitors to school grounds. The Board also recognizes the importance of protecting district property, facilities, and equipment from vandalism and theft.

The District utilizes surveillance cameras at district property where appropriate and in areas identified by staff. Cameras will never be placed in areas where students, staff, or community members have a reasonable expectation of privacy. The cameras are not continuously monitored, but footage may be accessed for purposes such as discipline and/or referred to local law enforcement, as appropriate.