

SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
INVITES YOU TO A

COMMUNITY SAFETY PRESENTATION

South Whidbey High School New Commons

December 4, 2019

6:30pm - 8:00pm

5675 Maxelton Road, Langley

Learn how we keep your students safe and what you can do to prepare for an emergency. Learn from our superintendent, safety team, facility director and community partners about the safety protocol, our standard response protocol and how we will communicate with our staff, students and families.



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School District**



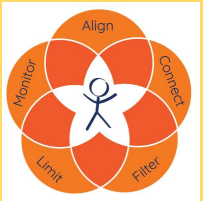
Education to Navigate a Wider World



It Takes a Team!



South Whidbey School District's Superintendent, Principals, Transportation, Facilities, Communication, Teachers, Support staff, Parents, Students



<https://www.sw.wednet.edu/resources/safety>

Our Website Addresses our Safety Protocol

- **Safety Sequence**
Step by step
- **Standard Response Protocol**
Practice Drills
- **Communication**
Via School Messenger



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SAFETY

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Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative

Flash Alert

Limited Transportation Routes

Safe Schools Alert Notification

Safety Sequence

School Closures

Standard Response Protocol

South Whidbey School District / Students / SAFETY

HOW SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT HANDLES EMERGENCIES

/ Love You Guys

South Whidbey School District has emergency protocols in place. Every summer, the district and schools review and update the Emergency Response Plan. The district adopted the / Love You Guys safety program. Detailed information can be found online and in the SWSD Family Handbook. This program has been implemented by over 25,000 schools, agencies and organizations across the US and Canada. Principal James Swanson is our Safety Director. Any questions or concerns should be brought to his attention at jswanson@sw.wednet.edu. A safety committee is in place that includes staff from each building.

Safety Drills

Every month, the South Whidbey schools practice different emergency drills with the students. These drills are planned by the administration and the safety committee. The drills include lock downs, lock outs, fire, earthquake, evacuation and shelter and more. These drills are reviewed by the administration and the safety committee for future improvement.

Coordination with Local Agencies

South Whidbey School District is in close contact with the Langley Police, Island County Sheriff and Comm 011 response system). We have worked together with our drills, our facilities and our plans so that they are familiar with our protocols and we are prepared with theirs. Comm has assured our administration that in the case of an emergency we will be supported with any assistance needed. This includes assisting with reunification of students with families if and when needed. South Whidbey School District works with the Red Cross and is the host to emergency supplies for the South end.

SWSD Safety Sequence

ISSUE

Annually, all Staff are required to take approximately three hours of *Safe Schools* training, teaching them to spot and report issues. Additionally, many of our teachers and students have taken the *Forefront Suicide* training. Our administrators have attended the ESD Safety Summit.

Students, staff, families and community members are encouraged to report anything that might compromise the safety of our students, staff and schools.

Please report in person, by phone, by email, or via **Safe Schools Alert Notification System**

NOTIFICATION

Building Administrators (Principal) should be immediately notified.
Principal will notify the Superintendent.

Principal will notify First Responders (police, sheriff, fire, iComm-911) of any threat to student/staff/school safety. Notifications can come orally, written in an email, or online via Safe Schools Reporting. Any 911 call made from a district phone immediately alerts all admin staff and building secretaries by phone, computer notification and cell phone (for the principals and superintendent). There is protocol in place when this happens.

If there is an immediate threat to the building and a lock down is necessary, any staff member can initiate a lock down from a campus phone.

INVESTIGATION

Principals will do the initial investigation. This will include visual, auditory, interviews, etc.

The district will conduct additional investigation as needed - *all hands on deck* (eg facilities director involvement).

911 First Responders will conduct an independent investigation as they deem necessary.

ACTION

Immediate action is taken. SWSD follows the *I Love You Guys* Standard Response Protocol. This protocol includes Lock Out, Lock Down, Evacuation, or taking Shelter. Every classroom has a poster providing direction.

Additional actions may include student exclusion, suspension, or required threat assessment.

Every classroom stocks a bucket of emergency supplies and teachers have current class lists.

COMMUNICATION

SWSD will provide communication via School Messenger to all staff, HS students and families. Information will be provided as it is known. These messages may be sent via phone, text, email, push notification, Facebook post and website post. The method of delivery will depend on the urgency of the message. We realize that families communicate in different ways. We work to reserve text and phone messages only for urgent messages that we want read immediately. These messages are sent by the Communication Director and will be updated as new information is received. The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act prohibits the district from providing any student details.

Staff will usually have meetings before/after school to provide information to share, etc.

PARTNERSHIP

SWSD works in partnership with our local First Responders and community partners including our Educational Service District and Island County Health Services. Depending on the situation, counseling and other assistance may be needed. We need the partnership of the community to keep the phone lines and roads open for the First Responders when needed.

REVIEW

Once an incident has passed, SWSD Administration reviews our response and takes feedback for best practices and prevention. We are always working to improve.



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



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

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

ADULTS

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

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard

Tornado
Hazmat
Earthquake
Tsunami

Safety Strategy

Evacuate to shelter area
Seal the room
Drop, cover and hold
Get to high ground

ADULTS

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



Standard Response Protocol

Monthly Safety Drills Practiced

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Staff binders and safety buckets

Each classroom has a binder with their class schedules and rosters. If we evacuate the school buildings, we have a process to account for all staff members and students.

Inside the buckets are items in case of emergency and the students have to be inside the classroom for extended periods of time.

- Tape and material to seal off doors

- Water

- Raincoats

- Toilet paper

- Candy

- Medical supplies

I love you guys protocol:

- The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based not on individual scenarios but on the response to any given situation.
- The benefits of SRP:
 - By standardizing the vocabulary, all stakeholders can understand the response and status of the event.
 - For students, this provides continuity of expectations and actions throughout their educational career.
 - For teachers, this becomes a simpler process to train and drill.

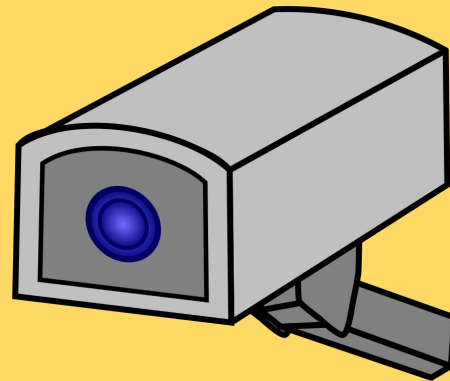
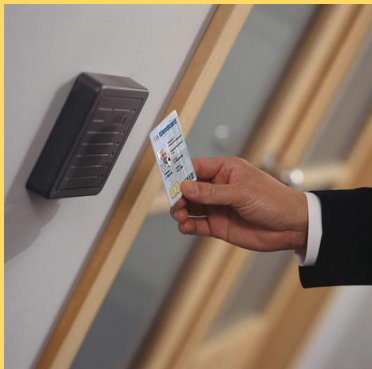
Short Video explanation

<https://iloveuguids.org/videos/SRP-K12-2021-Teen-Training-Video.mp4>

Law Enforcement Assistance



What else is our district doing?



CharlesandHudson.com



Communication

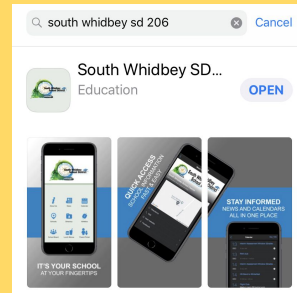
School Emergencies

How will I know what's happening?

During an emergency, our first priority is to protect our students and staff. When we share information, our goal is to ensure that it's timely and accurate. We oftentimes are not at liberty to share information from law enforcement, so we communicate what we can, when we can. We cannot control what others post on social media. We urge our families and community to look for an official message from the district through our official communication channels and to avoid sharing unofficial information.

Notifications

Parents will receive an automated phone call alerting them about the emergency. They will also receive a second automated phone call once the emergency situation has ended. The automated calling system takes time to process all of the calls. Information will also be shared through the district's mobile app, website and social media channels.





SPEAK UP!

Staff, Students, Parents,
Community can alert us
online, by email, by phone
or by text.

South Whidbey School District

Report it!

FOR
EMERGENCIES,
PLEASE CALL
911!

SafeSchools Alert is our district's tip reporting service. If you have information about a threat to our safety, do your part and report it! And remember, you can remain anonymous.

REPORT TIPS ON:

- Bullying
- Intimidation
- Harassment
- Weapons
- Drugs
- Other

4 EASY WAYS

 <http://1284.alert1.us>

 1284@alert1.us

 844.611.2505

 Text your tip
to 844.611.2505



Community Partners



American Red Cross

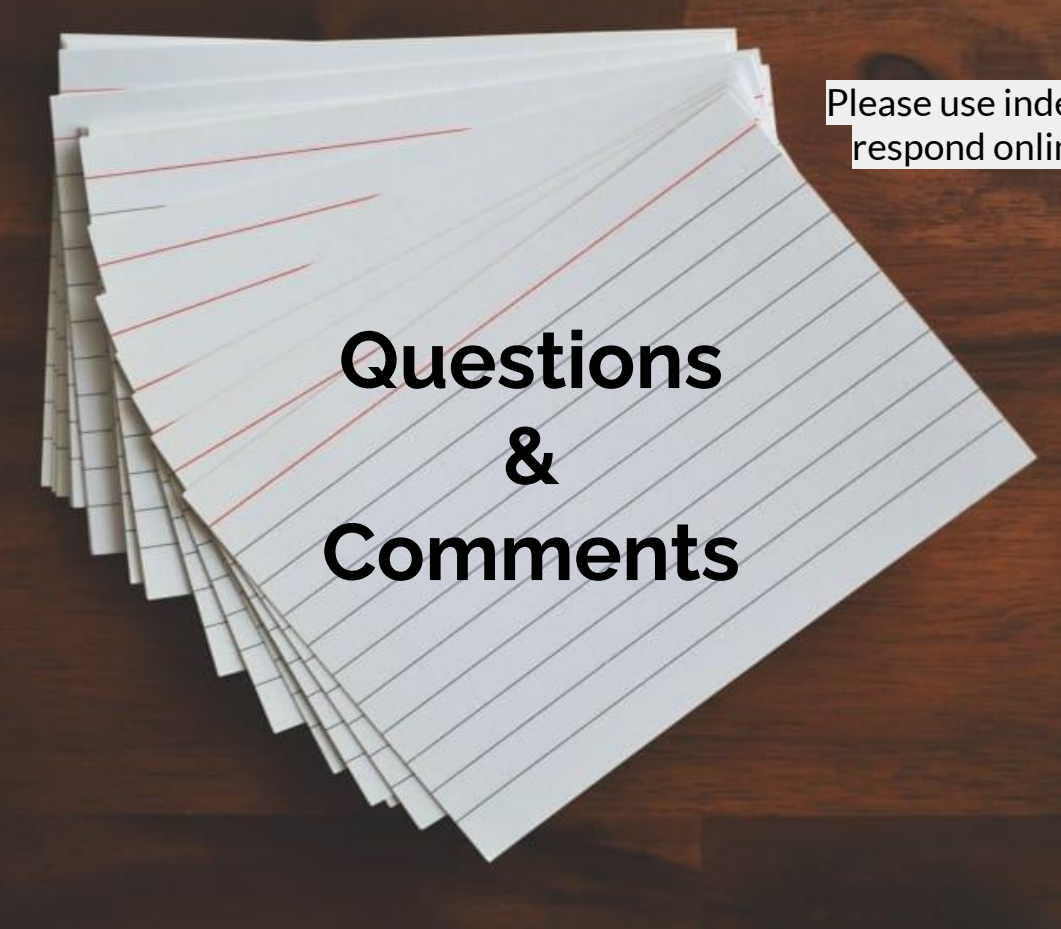


How Can You Help?

To provide for a safe and secure controlled release of students to their parents or other emergency contacts, we will set up a parent and student reunification process. Depending on the situation, this process may be at your child's school or at a safe alternative location. Please do **not** go to the school or alternative location until notified; this delays first responders and impedes access to those providing life safety assistance.

Tip

We work hard to ensure our schools are safe, welcoming places for all students and families to learn and thrive. Parents and school personnel can help children feel safe by establishing a sense of normalcy and security and talking with them about their fears. No matter how old your kids are, threatening or upsetting news can affect them emotionally. What can you do as a parent to help your kids process information that can be unsettling? Here are some tips to help with family conversations at home.



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respond online via our website

Questions & Comments