



Lakeview Preschool & Elementary

School Safety Parent Information

Lakeview Families:

The safety of your child and all children in our schools as well as the safety of the school staff and support personnel is very important to us. In order to maintain a safe environment for our children to study and learn, it is necessary that we practice our emergency and crisis response plans by having drills designed to exercise our procedures.



FIRE DRILL/EVACUATION DRILL

This drill is used when a situation requires an evacuation from the building such as a fire alarm. All school staff, students, and visitors, will evacuate the building.



SEVERE WEATHER DRILL/SHELTER-IN-PLACE DRILL

This drill is used for weather related warnings such as a tornado watch or severe thunderstorm.. During this drill all school staff, students, and visitors will assume a safe position within the school building.



LOCKDOWN DRILLS

This drill is used to secure the school building and safely shelter all students, staff, and visitors inside the building. ALICE protocol is followed during this drill.

A.L.I.C.E

ALERT

Alert is when you first become aware of a threat.

LOCKDOWN

In the event, you are unable to evacuate first, lockdown and barricade the room if possible.

INFORM

The intruder's whereabouts will be communicated using clear and direct language. Information may be communicated to students and staff through the school intercom

COUNTER

Counter focuses on actions that create noise, movement, distance, and distraction to reduce the intruder's ability to perpetrate harm.

EVACUATE

Students and staff will get as far away from the danger as possible, and accountability will occur later. While evacuating, students/staff should keep their hands visible and follow any law enforcement commands.

ALICE is not designed to be sequential.

An educated response can save your life. <https://www.alicetraining.com/>

If you have any questions or concerns about school safety, please don't hesitate to contact us. Together, we can ensure our students thrive in a safe and nurturing environment. If you have any questions regarding any of these Safety Drills or other safety concerns, please contact your school office, or the office of the superintendent.

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What can you do?

Talk to your child....

Reassure children that they are safe. Emphasize that schools are very safe. Validate their feelings. Explain that all feelings are okay when a tragedy occurs. Let children talk about their feelings, help put them into perspective, and assist them in expressing these feelings appropriately.

- **Make time to talk**
- **Observe children's emotional state.** Some children may not express their concerns verbally. Changes in behavior, appetite, and sleep patterns can also indicate a child's level of anxiety or discomfort.
- **Limit television viewing of these events.** Limit television viewing and be aware if the television is on in common areas. Developmentally inappropriate information can cause anxiety or confusion, particularly in young children.

- **Keep your explanations developmentally appropriate**

Early elementary school children need brief, simple information that should be balanced with reassurances that their schools and homes are safe and that adults are there to protect them. Give simple examples of school safety, like reminding children about exterior doors being locked, child monitoring efforts on the playground, and emergency drills practiced during the school day.

Upper elementary and early middle school children will be more vocal in asking questions about whether they are safe and what is being done at their school. They may need assistance separating reality from fantasy. Discuss the efforts of school and community leaders to provide safe schools.

What would you do if you were playing outside your house and a stranger was near you?

- Leave the area quickly or run away
- Tell a parent or adult
- Yell for help
- Go inside your home and lock the door
- Discuss what else they could do

What would you do in public, at a shopping mall or store, and a stranger was near or following you?

- Tell parent or guardian
- Stay in open spaces (if you are by yourself)
- Yell if you need to
- Discuss what you would have them do

What would you do if you saw a stranger who might be dangerous at school?

- Like at home, we can respond in many different ways if we see a stranger who might be dangerous at school
- ALICE is the strategy we use in a real emergency

What will we do at school?

- One way we stay safe at school is by keeping our doors locked so that strangers cannot enter our school.
- Practice Safety Drills
- We lock our classroom doors in our school and will be ALERT to ensure we keep you safe