

School Safety

Northshore School District
Family Symposium, May 4, 2024

Keeping students and families safe in the Northshore School District

- **District Safety & Security Team**
- **Emergency Preparedness (Supply Containers & Kits)**
- **ParentSquare**
- **Easy Alert (in-house communications text app)**
- **Cameras**
- **Visitor Management, Video intercoms**
- **Hazard and Reunification Drills**
- **Door locks & Fencing**
- **24 Hour Emergency call: 425-485-9535**
- **Safe Schools Tip Line (Vector alert)**

Common Hazards, Dangers, and Challenges in Schools:

- **Medical Emergencies**
- **Extreme Weather Events (windstorm, lightning, snow, ice, heat)**
- **Mechanical Issues (broken pipes & windows, failed ventilation)**
- **Bullying, Harassment, Fights**
- **Social Media Rumors and Hoaxes**
- **Wild Animals & other natural disruptions (bears, floods, trees)**
- **Traffic snarls and School Bus issues**

Extremely rare or potential threats:

- **Intruders (unidentified, uncooperative, threatening individuals)**
- **Weapons (rumored, spotted, brandished, discharged)**
- **Area-wide disaster (earthquake, wildfire, extended power outage)**

Building Status Designations - NSD

Only these four building status designations are used district-wide:

- **Safe Inside** – for most hazards, disruptions, or disconcerting situations, such as wildlife, off-campus threats, or potentially embarrassing scenarios; education continues within the security of the building while proper authorities investigate, evaluate, and resolve the situation.
- **Shelter In Place** – atmospheric hazards only: extreme weather events, smoke, chemical spills.
- **Evacuation** – When students and staff are safer outside the building, as in a fire, gas leaks, or earthquake.
- **Lockdown** – for immediate on-campus mortal threat only (armed intruder)



Schools Are The Safest Place To Be.

- **Students and staff drill monthly to properly respond to a range of possible emergencies.**
- **Safety & Security team is dispatched to schools**
- **Schools are a high priority for police & fire**
- **Every school has staff trained in First Aid, CPR, Narcan, Reunification**
- **Every school has an Emergency Operations Plan**
- **Every school has a container with emergency food & shelter supplies**

If something happens at school:

- **You will be notified of significant events by phone, email, and ParentSquare.**
- **Go on ParentSquare. This is where timely, true information will be found and where reliable instructions will be posted.**

If something happens at school:

- DO NOT GO TO THE SCHOOL. This makes the situation worse!
- Do not contact the school. This distracts and slows responders!
- DO NOT GO ON SOCIAL MEDIA. It is a circus of alarmism and misinformation. This makes the situation worse!
- Do not rely on kids for information, or text with them during the event. They need to follow directions to stay safe at school.
- Do not photograph the event or share unofficial information.

Reunification

If, for whatever reason, it is not possible to finish the school day, families will be instructed how, when, and where to pick up their students.

- **Parents, guardians, and designees MUST have photo ID**
- **Parents, guardians, and designees MUST be authorized on the student's Emergency Card on file to pick up.**

ParentSquare & Synergy

- **Check contact information at least yearly. Update if there are any changes**
- **Have several emergency contacts and pick-up designees: Aunts, uncles, godparents, grandparents, neighbors, older siblings, coach, clergy, family friends, custodial step-parents**

Have your own emergency plans at home.

- See www.ready.gov for information
- Assemble food, water, shelter supplies
- Save important documents
- Make communication and travel plans
- In an emergency, practice thoughtfulness, mindfulness, and have extreme patience.

How you can help:

- **Personal Safety is School Safety**

 - Seat belts in cars. Helmets on bikes. Lifejackets in water.

 - Drive with extreme care & extra patience in and around schools.

 - Be an alert, courteous, and law abiding driver and pedestrian.

 - Have household emergency and disaster plans. (See [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov))

 - Keep emergency contact info up to date.

- **Get Involved**

 - Get trained in First Aid, CPR, Emergency Response (CERT).

 - Be an active member of PTSA.

 - Volunteer to be on civic committees and school committees.

Resources

www.nsd.org > Our District > Safety & Security > Resources

Detailed descriptions, contact information, reliable advice, and school and community assistance for:

- Calling 9-1-1
- Emergency Preparedness
- Reunification
- Gangs
- Bullying & Harassment
- Fire Safety
- Gun Safety
- Crisis Planning
- Internet & Social Media Safety
- Safety Squad (for Pre-K to grade 4)

NSD 24-Hour Emergency Number: 425-485-9535