



BENSENVILLE

SCHOOL DISTRICT 2



Strengthening School Safety

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS & MANAGEMENT

Student safety is our top priority! To ensure the well-being and security of our students, teachers, and staff, we invest in the physical security of our facilities and in improving our response to emergencies.

STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOLS

Standard Response Protocols (SRP) are uniform, planned, and practiced responses to situations related to school safety. Standard response protocols provide our staff and students with consistent, clear, shared language and actions to respond to emergency situations. Weather events, fires, accidents, intruders and other threats to student safety are scenarios that are planned with standard response protocols, and are trained for by school and District administration and staff.



SRP is based on the response to any given situation, not on individual scenarios. SRP demands a specific vocabulary but also allows for great flexibility. The premise is simple - these five specific actions can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art," and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants.



Hold: Protocol used when hallways need to be kept clear of occupants. Can be used for a medical emergency or student/staff need within the building.



Secure: Protocol used to safeguard people within the building in the event of an outside threat.



ALICE - Locks, Lights, Out of Sight: Protocol used to secure individual rooms or provide options for evacuation in the event of a threat within the school building.



Evacuate: Protocol to move people from one location to a different location in or out of the building. This protocol is most commonly used during a fire event. Additionally, depending on the situation, the Secure or Evacuate protocol would be implemented if a bomb threat were reported. In these situations, staff would take direction from the Bensenville Police Department to determine next steps.



Shelter: Protocol used for group and self protection and most commonly used for tornado/natural disaster events.

ALICE PRINCIPLES

ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. This approach to responding to emergencies provides students and staff the option to “run, hide or fight” when reacting to a significant security threat. It is incorporated into our standard response protocols. Both staff and students received ALICE training this year, and practiced this response during active-shooter drills.



RUN

HIDE

FIGHT

REUNIFICATION

Fires, power outages, severe weather, and other school crises and emergencies could require parents to pick up their students in a formalized, controlled release. Providing accountable reunification of students with their parents or guardians is a critical aspect of crisis response. Staff will be trained in the full reunification process in the coming year. Depending on the situation, reunification could occur at school or another location. Our mass notification system would inform parents of reunification details through phone, email, and text messages sent to numbers and addresses on file with the District.

BSD2 SAFETY TEAM

We have collaborated with the Bensenville Police and Fire Departments and the Village's Emergency Management Agency to align practices and ensure resources for emergency preparedness. We have also worked with the Northern Illinois School Safety Administrators Association and DuPage County Regional Office of Education's School Safety Task Force to implement several best practices in school safety.

SCHOOL SAFETY AUDIT

In the fall of 2022, we partnered with the Regional Office of Education and the DuPage Safety Task Force to conduct a safety audit to strengthen our physical and operational security. The audit included walk-throughs of all buildings, discussions with school administrators and front office staff, and a comprehensive review of our safety and security processes, procedures, systems, technology and equipment. It resulted in improvements such as:

- All doors and access points have been reviewed and are locked at all times.
- All visitors enter through one door and are accounted for using the visitor management and background check system.
- Updated Standard Response Protocol for emergency preparedness.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

See Something, Say Something!

- Keep any evidence of inappropriate social media activity: take a picture, record it, log details of the event to share with the school and/or police.
- Call Safe2Help for any significant after school hour concerns.

Talk to your children!

- Words matter! Please share the importance of NOT making threats such as hurting, killing, shooting, or bringing guns or weapons to school

Set clear rules and limits for your children regarding social media.

Know the warning signs.

- Contact school social worker or counselor if you notice significant changes in child's mood and/or behavior.

Don't Be Afraid to Parent. Know When to Intervene.

Stay connected to your child's school, and partner with the school when concerns arise.



Contact this 24/7 helpline for:

- Suicide Concerns
- Threats to Safety

Phone: 844-4-SAFEIL (723345)

Text: SAFE2 (72332)

Email: HELP@Safe2HelpIL.com

Online: <https://app.safe22helpil.com/>