

Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools

Emergency Information Guide for Parents and Guardians



Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools District is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff and visitors.

Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District works closely with area law enforcement, fire and EMS and Cuyahoga County Emergency Management Agency to ensure our schools are well prepared in the event of an emergency.

Each school conducts drills throughout the school year to help students and staff prepare for possible emergencies. Specifics of the drills are not enclosed for safety reasons.

BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

- Ensure that your child's emergency contact information is accurate and current. Contact the school whenever changes have been made (example-phone number, address).
- Remember and refer to the non emergency number listed in this brochure. Do NOT call the school itself.

BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

- Do NOT call or rush to your child's school. Telephone lines and staff are needed for emergency response efforts.
- Do NOT phone your child. Staff and students are discouraged from using cell phone communication for safety reasons.
- Tune in to local radio and television stations for official school news alerts.
- Rely on official communications from the school or public safety officials.
- Listen for official information regarding reuniting with your child.

BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event of an emergency at your child's school, it is important to know these terms:

Lockdown

A lockdown takes place if an internal or external threat is identified at the school. All school doors are locked and students are confined to classrooms. No entry into or exit from the school will be allowed until an "all - clear" announcement has been made.

Shelter in Place

Students take refuge in designated areas to protect from hazardous materials or severe weather. No entry into or exit from the school will be allowed until an "all-clear" announcement has been made.

Evacuation

In the event of certain building emergencies, students will be relocated to an evacuation/ relocation area. Students will be released ONLY to parents or guardians with a picture ID and permission from a district official.

HOW CAN I BE REUNITED WITH MY CHILD?

Reunification - Parents or guardians will be directed by school authorities via Alert Now. Students will be released ONLY to parents or guardians who are documented as emergency contacts and who present a picture ID such as driver's license, military ID or passport. The reunification process can be time consuming so parents are urged to be patient.

When you arrive at the alternative evacuation site to pick up your child, there will be four stations: A-F, G-L, M-R, S-Z. Please report to the station that has the first letter of your student's last name. Give the station worker your child's name. Once you have been identified your child will be brought to you at the student release point.

BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

- Listen to and acknowledge your child's concerns.
- Provide reassurance that your child is safe.
- Assure your child that additional prevention efforts are being put in place.
- Seek help from school personnel or a mental health professional if concerns persist.

DISTRICT NUMBERS

Board of Education Office: 440-740-4000
High School: 440-740-4700
Middle School: 440-740-4405
Central School: 440-740-4100
Chippewa Elementary School: 440-740-4200
Highland Elementary School: 440-740-4300
Hilton Elementary School: 440-746-4600

SELECTED NUMBERS

Brecksville Police Department: 440-526-8900
Broadview Heights Police Department: 440-526-5400
Brecksville Fire Department: 440-526-1212
Broadview Heights Fire Department: 440-526-7122
Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office: 216-443-6000
Cuyahoga County Emergency Management : 216-443-5904

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