

Lockdown Plan: If there is a situation requiring a lockdown, the Principal will issue an order to execute the Lockdown Plan. A lockdown is a special kind of sheltering plan that requires individuals to remain within the safety of their immediate area to protect them from imminent danger. The presence of an intruder may be one reason to invoke this type of response. Students will not be released to parent/guardian when a lockdown is in progress.

Hold/Hold-in-Place: Used to limit movement of students and staff while dealing with short-term emergencies. Listen for instruction about the situation and your actions. Students in hallways should return to assigned classroom, if possible.

SHOULD I PICK UP MY CHILD AT SCHOOL DURING AN EMERGENCY?

No, we strongly encourage parents NOT to come unless directed to do so.

While every parent's natural instinct in an emergency is to go to the school to protect his/her own child, it is important to realize that doing so may significantly affect the district's ability to respond to the situation. Cars driving up to the building, for example, will restrict access by emergency vehicles that are responding to the emergency or school buses that are loading children either to evacuate them or take them home. The building's staff will be actively working to ensure the safety of ALL the students. It may seem logical that every student taken home by a parent reduces the responsibility of the staff, but in a fast-moving situation that requires a great deal of careful coordination and communication, it actually makes the critical task of keeping track of students more difficult.

WHAT PROVISIONS ARE MADE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES?

Every school has a detailed plan of action to evacuate any student who may have special needs.