CRISIS RESPONSE & MANAGEMENT IN PSD

- Prevention
- Protection
- Mitigation
- Response
- Recovery

Prevention, protection, mitigation, reponse, and recovery and the main components of the Poudre School District *Crisis Management Plan* which aligns with national standards.

In addition to the district plan, each school has its own plan that revolves around these five components. every year, these crisis response plans are reviewed and updated as necessary.



DISTRICT CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

Poudre School District
FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

Poudre School District

EMERGENCY CONTACT

970-490-3333

This brochure gives parents and overview of crisis response systems currently in place. Each school also has specific procedures in place that are designed for that site.

If you have questions, please contact your school or call the PSD Safety & Security Department.

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For parents & students in Poudre School District

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

What to expect in the event of a school emergency or crisis situation.

Safety & Security

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

STAY OR GO?

Poudre School District, along with local police, fire and emergency medical agencies, has adopted the Standard Response Protocols from i love u guys to use in emergencies and crisis situations.

The plan and type of emergency or situation determine whether students and/or staff members remain inside a building (stay) or are evacuated from the building (go).

GO

"Evacuate" is the command given for leaving the school.

There are many situations where a school may be evacuated. In the event students and staff cannot re-enter the building in a short time, all school sites have procedures in place to evacuate to nearby facilities if necessary.

A District-wide Crisis Response Team (DCRT) works with the schools own CRT to help in emergency situations.

STAY

When it is not safe to leave the building, "stay" is the instruction or command given to the school site. There are four stay commands: "shelter-in-place," "secure," "hold," and "lockdown."

Shelter-in-place – Students and staff stay in a safe area. Used during severe weather.

Secure – Normal activities take place inside the school. Exterior doors are locked. Used when there is an incident outside the school, such as police activity nearby.

Hold – Normal activities take place inside the classroom. Exterior and interior doors locked and hallways cleared. Used for an incident inside the school, such as a medical emergency.

Lockdown – Students and staff are directed to a safe location inside the building. Exterior and interior doors, windows, and access points are closed and locked. Used when a potential threat has been identified and containment may be necessary.

KNOW THE PLAN

As with any good strategy, it is most effective when everyone knows the plan.

Schools practice a variety of "stay or go drills" throughout the year so that students and staff members will know how to respond in the event of a real emergency. As a parent, you can learn more about the plan by checking with your school about their specific procedures, crisis response plans, and reunification processes.

COMMUNICATE

Parents have several ways to access information from PSD in an emergency situation:

- Access the website www.psdschools.org
- Call PSD's Customer Support Center at 970-490-3333
- Receive a call or voicemail from the school's auto-dial message system
- Listen to local radio and TV
- Watch PSD Channel 10 (cable TV)

Many of these sources rely on accurate parent contact info. Please be sure your school has information that is up to date.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER A CRISIS

The Reunification Process is a systematic approach to bring parents and students back together in the event of an emergency. Once it is safe to reunite, parents and students go through the check-out process at a designated location. Connecting parents with children is a high priority and will be done as soon as it is safe.

Parents are notified of the designated location through one of the PSD communication sources. Each school maintains a list of people authorized to pick up and transport your student. Whether you are a parent, guardian, or other "authorized person," you must have proper identification in order to pick up your student(s).

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