

The State of Maryland requires six annual mandated drills: lockdown; shelter-in-place; evacuation; reverse evacuation; severe weather; drop, cover, and hold (earthquake)

























Shelter In Place is in response to danger in the school community or near school property. May also be used to address a medical emergency/safety situation.

- Staff lock and monitor all exterior doors
- Classroom instruction continues
- Staff takes attendance
- Hallway passes/movement limited
- Remain in current classroom until shelter is lifted
- Administration will make announcement to provide safety information

Lockdown is an emergency response to a life-threatening imminent danger in or around school grounds. Exterior doors and interior classroom and offices are immediately locked and secured.

- Sweep or can the immediate area outside the classroom.
- Instruct students to move to the safest corner of the room away from doors and windows
- Lock & secure doors
- Cover door windows and close blinds
- Turn off lights
- Silence all electronic devices
- Utilize Chromebook/laptop for attendance and communication purposes, if safe to do so.













As a parent/guardian, what can I do to support student safety during a lockdown?

- Keep emergency contact information updated in Synergy so that we can keep you informed.
- Have ongoing conversations with your child regarding school safety and emergency preparedness.
- Encourage your child to take drills seriously and ask staff any questions that will help them be well prepared.
- Understand that law enforcement and/or emergency responders will arrive onsite and take command of emergency situations.
- Stay calm and reassuring during any communications with your child during an emergency situation.
- Encourage your child to follow the directions of school staff in order to prevent confusion or added safety risks.
- Should school officials request parents to pick up their children, please have identification with you so that your child can be released to your custody.

How and when will I receive communication during a lockdown?

- You will receive information as soon as possible after the initiation of a lockdown.
- Our goal is to communicate within 20 minutes, with updates as frequently as possible.
- This initial information will be shared utilizing the ConnectEd system
 via phone call, text message, and email.











How will I receive communication after a lockdown?

- You will receive a follow-up communication providing detailed information regarding the emergency and resources available to students/parents.
- We recognize the importance of two-way communication. Please know that if you or your child has serious concerns in response to an emergency or crisis, contact your child's school directly for









What types of support will be available to my child following emergency situations that may potentially impact their well-being?

- Specialists in mental health, specifically recognizing and addressing trauma, will
 partner with the school administration to provide the appropriate services.
- Students will have full access to their counselor to support their social emotional well-being.
- We will continue to provide communication to the community as we verify information.
- Teachers will demonstrate flexibility with academic assignments such as tests/quizzes.









