

Durant Schools Are Prepared!

Durant Public Schools have always maintained a high standard of preparedness, however, during the 2005-2006 school year we raised the bar even higher.

All faculty have attended mandatory emergency management training and have each received an Emergency Go-Kit to be placed in their classroom. Each kit contains supplies to be used during an actual emergency. Each school year we conduct routine evacuation drills, i.e. fire drills. We teach the students how to prepare for a tornado and also drill this process. Throughout each school year we will continue to conduct more drills and the faculty and staff will have the opportunity to participate in table-top exercises. This will allow them to more quickly and thoroughly think through an emergency situation when the time arrives. Training is being coordinated with the local authorities through the Safe Schools Office.

For more information about the District's Emergency Management Plan and Procedures please contact the Safe Schools Office at 580-916-7473. A detailed copy of the District's Plan can be reviewed in the Administration Office located at 1323 Waco Street, Durant, Oklahoma.

Training has been conducted and emergency procedures are in place for the following situations:

- Power Outage/Utility Failure
- Medical Emergency
- Lost/Missing Child
- Hazardous Material Spills
- Bomb Threats/Suspicious Packages
- Assault
- Weapon on School Grounds
- Fire/Explosion
- Tornado/Severe Weather
- Lockdown

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PARENT'S GUIDE



Durant Public Schools Emergency Procedures

*Once a Lion
Always a Lion*

Building

LOCKDOWN

Procedures

The decision to lockdown a school rests with the school administrator at the site affected.

A lockdown consists of moving all students off playgrounds and exterior portables on the site and into the school, securing all entrances, and denying access to any unauthorized persons.

During a lockdown, parents may not be allowed to pick up their child/children. Depending upon the situation at the time, parents/visitors inside the building when the lockdown begins may have to remain inside the building.

Signs will be placed on each entrance stating “LOCKDOWN” during a lockdown period. Please respect these procedures and know that all faculty and staff are following the District’s Emergency Plan and will not make exceptions for anyone, so please don’t ask them to.

If a building is in lockdown it is for the safety of the students inside the building and all emergency procedures are being followed to assure their safety. Parents will NOT be notified during a lockdown. Information will be distributed as soon as possible.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Building

EVACUATION

Procedures

An evacuation of a building is used to move students and staff out of the building by a pre-designated route to avoid a potentially threatening situation(s) that involves the entire building. Evacuation of a building may be issued by the school administrator or local public safety agencies.

Each campus has pre-designated a reunification locations for parents to pick up their child/children. Proper identification will be required at these locations when you arrive to pick up your child.

Reunification location details will be sent out to parents via automated messaging.

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Severe

WEATHER

Procedures

If a Tornado Watch is issued by the National Weather Service, school administration will closely monitor the radar and outside conditions.

If a Tornado Warning is issued the students are then moved to their designated sheltering area or if necessary assume their “shelter in place” position. Students will NOT be released during this time. They will remain sheltering in place until the tornado threat has passed.

The District does not encourage parents to rush out during inclement weather to pick up their children.



AUTOMATED MESSAGING

All emergency notifications will be sent to parents via a phone call, text message and email. If you miss a call from the school, we ask that you please check for a voice mail, text or email before you call us back.

Please make sure that the school has your current contact at all times.