



2020-2021 School Year

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Maintaining a safe learning environment is one of our highest priorities. Our school and the school district regularly plan and practice various responses to emergency situations. This letter serves to inform you of some of the procedures we will follow to protect our students during an emergency.

What happens during an emergency? School administrators, along with support from district office and city/county agencies, will evaluate the incident and initiate the appropriate response to either evacuate outside or away from buildings, or secure the campus in a lockdown, modified lockdown, or shelter in place. School personnel works closely with public safety officials during emergencies.

Students may be kept on campus. In the event of a hazard or other immediate danger to health and safety outside of the school, public safety officials may direct the school to keep students on campus, even after school hours, until it is safe enough for the all-clear signal to be given.

- If such an emergency occurs and when the all-clear is given, the school will begin a controlled release dismissal, in which students will be released only to an adult who has been identified as a parent, guardian or emergency contact. Please keep your emergency contacts updated through Parent Portal.
- The school district is prepared to provide food, water and the medications listed on your child's Medication Administration Release form to your child if we are directed to hold students on campus.

Students may be relocated off campus. An emergency situation may require students to be relocated to a location different from their home school. Our district high schools will serve as relocation sites for all K-8 schools. Updated information sent by telephone auto dialer, email and text messaging will provide parents with the off-site reunification details.

What to do if your child is kept on campus during an emergency.

1. To keep phone lines free for emergency use, PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL. We understand and respect your concern for your child, yet it is essential that the telephone system be available for emergency communications. Additionally, if our school is in lockdown, staff members will NOT be available to answer the phone as they will be working to protect your children and themselves from any danger. The district will keep parents informed and updated regarding specific school responses through phone calls and emails during an emergency situation. Information and updates will also be shared via www.dysart.org and social media on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram on @DysartUSD.

2. Do not come to the school unless instructed to do so. We realize how difficult it will be for you to keep your distance from the school, but this will be crucial to keep the surrounding streets and parking lots clear for any necessary emergency vehicles.

3. If you speak with or text your child, please remind them that it is important to follow the directions of their teachers and public safety officials.

Dysart works hard to keep diligent safety protocols in place and appreciates your cooperation and support. If you have questions about this letter or aspects of the school's safety procedures, please contact us.