



SLIPPERY ROCK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cultivating Knowledge and Encouraging Independence

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want you to be aware that our schools are committed to emergency preparedness and have established emergency plans to successfully and effectively deal with emergency situations that could occur in or around our school, both during the school day and during after-hour activities. Our goal is to ensure the safety and general welfare of all our students, staff, and our guests. In addition, to provide appropriate policies, procedures, and strategies to maintain a safe school.

In order for our All Hazards Plan/Crisis Team to be effective, we depend on partnerships and collaboration. This means involving law enforcement, fire safety, emergency medical services, and other local agencies. We also depend on you, as parents/guardians, to support our disaster-response efforts. Your cooperation is vital to helping us protect the safety and welfare of all students and school employees. Therefore, we ask all parents/guardians to observe and familiarize themselves with the following procedures:

1. Do not telephone the school at the time of a disaster. We truly and sincerely understand and respect your concern, but it is essential that the school phone system be available for emergency communications.
2. Make sure we have emergency contact information for each of your children at all times. We must be able to contact you or your designated representative in the event of an emergency.
3. You may be notified in a number of ways. Tune in to media outlets such as television/radio stations for emergency announcements and status reports. The District's webpage will also be a source of information in the case of an emergency. These outlets would likely receive instructions on where you should go and how/when you may be able to pick up your children. When possible, an alert message using our mass communication system will also be sent out in order to provide instructions and additional information. In some cases, students may be asked to send a text message to their parent.

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4. Do not come to the school unless instructed to do so. It may be necessary to keep the streets and parking lots clear for emergency response vehicles. Circumstances may occur at the school that require you to pick up your child in a formalized, controlled release. This process is called Reunification. Reunification is a more predictable and less chaotic process for all involved. Our District's emergency plan includes evacuation and reunification that may occur at a different location other than the school your child attends. If this is a different location for your child, then a controlled release will be required. When appropriate and safe, students may be released to parents/guardians from the reunification/shelter location. Under these circumstances, we will be prepared to implement procedures that allow us to confirm the identity of individuals who arrive to pick-up each child. First, when arriving to pick up your child, please make sure you have with you appropriate identification. Second, be patient. This process protects both the safety of the student and provides for an accountable change of custody from the school to a parent/guardian. Again, if evacuation is required, students may be transported to a location away from school and the reunification process will be initiated.
5. There may be instances where a student may not be allowed to remove a vehicle from the parking lot if they drove that day. In this case, parents/guardians will be required to pick their child up from school or at the reunification location.
6. Talk to your children and emphasize how important it is for them to follow instructions from their teachers and school officials during an emergency. Please emphasize the purpose and importance of appropriate behavior during practice drills.
7. Carefully read all information you receive from your child's school. You may receive updates about the District's school emergency safety procedures from time to time.

We take your child's safety seriously and are proud that each school in the District is involved in creating a safe learning environment, and we are doing everything possible to keep it that way. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,



Dr. Alfonso Angelucci
Superintendent



Dr. Patricia Kardambikis
Assistant Superintendent