



SLIPPERY ROCK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cultivating Knowledge and Encouraging Independence

September 16, 2019

Dear Parent and Guardians,

The safety of your child and all children and support personnel within the Slippery Rock Area School District is the District's first priority. In order to maintain a safe environment for our children to study and learn, it is necessary that we practice emergency drills designed in the District's All Hazard Plan.

Due to the current national climate that we live in, we will be conducting various drills throughout the remainder of the school year, and each subsequent school year. This letter is to help you understand the importance of this as well as to understand each type of drill.

The students and staff at each of the District's buildings will be practicing five primary emergency drills each year, "Fire Drill", "Tornado Drill", "Evacuation", "Restricted Movement", and "General Lockdown." By practicing, the students in an emergency situation will know what to do and how to do it. Each type of drill is explained below.

Fire Drills

Each school will conduct a "Fire Drill" each month that the school is in session. This is also a requirement for all Pennsylvania public schools. The District wants each student to understand and be aware of the importance of this drill and not be afraid when the fire alarm is sounded.

Tornado Drill

Each school during the Spring will practice a "Tornado Drill". This drill moves students to a safe place in the school and students are instructed to take the "duck and cover" position. Students will be designated safe areas within the building. No one can enter a school during a Tornado Warning because the office staff will be in their designated areas.

Evacuation

During an "Evacuation Drill," students will review how to exit the school in a quick and orderly manner. The students will be safely escorted along a designated route to a designated primary meeting site.

Restricted Movement

A "Restricted Movement" drill may be issued if an emergency condition exist outside of a building. This drill is a precaution to keep everyone safe while remaining indoors by seeking immediate refuge inside a classroom or the closest available facility. Windows will be closed and covered. No one will be allowed to enter or leave the building until authorities authorize such a release.

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General Lockdown

A lockdown order may be issued in response to an emergency or threatening situation in or around a facility. Lockdown situations may be thought of as “restricted movement,” but not all restricted movement situations rise to the level of a lockdown. If a lockdown is announced during a drill, employees, students and visitors should close all windows, lock doors if so equipped and stay away from them. If imminent danger exists then RUN, HIDE or FIGHT will occur.

Please remember that these safety drills are practiced to help maintain our schools within the Slippery Rock Area School District are safe places to learn and work.

If you have any questions regarding any of these Safety Drills or other safety drills, please contact Dr. Patricia Kardambikis at 724-794-2960 at extension 1002.

Sincerely,



Dr. Alfonso Angelucci
Superintendent



Dr. Patricia Kardambikis
Assistant Superintendent