

# Emergency Situations at Schools

## Information for Families

Davis Joint Unified School District is committed to raising awareness about safety across the district. This guide is meant to share some of the roles and expectations for adults and students during urgent situations. School and district staff train yearly on emergency protocols and situation management and students take part in various drills throughout each school year. If you have questions regarding school emergency procedures, please contact your school site.

### What are the types of actions a school might take in the event of an emergency?

#### **SHELTER IN PLACE/HOLD:**

Ordered when there is an issue off campus or non-threat on campus. Teachers will lock doors and students will stay in the classroom, but business will continue as usual.

#### **Examples:**

- Police activity in the area/neighborhood
- Private situation on campus (student/staff medical need)

#### **LOCKDOWN:**

Ordered when there is a threat on campus. Students should go to the nearest room. Teachers will lock doors and close blinds.

#### **Examples:**

- Intruder on campus
- Gunfire/explosion

#### **EVACUATION:**

Ordered when there is a fire, gas leak, etc. After the fire alarm sounds, students will exit the building.

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- Fire
- Gas or chemical leak

#### **EARTHQUAKE/TORNADO:**

Ordered when there is an earthquake or a tornado approaching. Students should get under desk/table and away from anything that could fall over.

#### **TEACHER DOWN:**

Ordered when there is a situation on campus that requires privacy, such as a student situation or a teacher down. Students stay in classroom but continue business as usual.

### Reunification

As a result of any of the above situations, students may need to be reunified with parents through a controlled release at the school or a reunification at a new location. Be sure to bring a picture ID to the reunification location.

We want to reunite students with parents as soon as possible during an emergency situation. We will work with police and fire agencies to determine when it is safe to reunite students and parents. These situations often take time and planning to ensure you and your child are reunited safely.

### What do I need to know, do, and not do as the parent?

- **Before an emergency:** Make sure your emergency contact numbers are updated.
- **During an emergency:** Do your best to remain calm. Your example will cue others to respond similarly.
- **Communication:** Your best source for updated information is official DJUSD communication. Parents will be notified by our SchoolMessenger system. Additional info may be available on our [websites](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook page](#).
- **Releasing students:** Until you receive the message that your student will be released, please do not come to campus. This is for your and your student's safety.