

# Autrey Mill Middle School Emergency Information Parents' Guide

Being well-prepared for possible emergencies and ensuring our students feel safe, happy and ready to learn is our #1 priority!

We conduct routine drills and consistently enforce school and classroom rules to keep our students and staff safe!

Use the information below to know what to do, and more importantly, what not to do to keep your child safe.

### Dos:

- Be confident that students and staff consistently practice for emergency situations. Drills have been observed and critiqued by local emergency authorities.





- Keep your contact information current at all times as the school will broadcast emergency information using e-mail and phone systems.
- Be prepared to discuss school emergencies at home, encouraging students to follow directions at all time.



- Please remember that a picture ID is required at all times to pick up your child.

#### Helpful Links



FCS Safety Website



FCS Safety Handout



NASP Information

## Don'ts:

- Do not come to school until you are advised to do so. Access in an emergency is limited. You can also slow down the emergency vehicles or be turned away if the crisis has not passed.



 Do not call the school. School staff will mostly likely be unable to answer phones and the lines must remain clear to contact emergency personnel and
 first responders

- Do not try and contact your child. They will need to listen to adults during the crisis situations. Continue to check the school website for updates until the crisis is over. Calls or notifications received on cell phones can put people at more risk.



- Do not panic! Remain calm for both yourself and your child.

# **FAQs**

What is a Shelter-in-Place? Shelter-in-place is an emergency response tool to protect students. Students are directed to remain within the building in specific locations that have limited or no exposure to exterior elements.

What is a lockdown? An emergency may require steps to isolate students and faculty from danger by instituting a school lockdown. In a lockdown situation, all students are kept in classrooms or other designated locations that are away from the danger.

What is a lockout? A lockout is used when the possibility of an exterior threat has been identified and it has been determined that students should remain in a school building that effectively "locks out" visitors. In that event, all exterior doors are locked to prevent anyone from entering the building, and classrooms and corridors are checked and secured.

What is a parent reunification site? If public safety officials require that a school building be evacuated off-site, students and staff members will be safely transported to a designated parent-student center. Parents will be informed of the reunification location via school system emergency messaging system. At the reunification center, students will be released to their parents upon presentation of picture ID.