

Emergency Situations



Apache Junction Unified School District is committed to ensuring the safety and security of our students, staff and visitors. Please review this guide to ensure you are prepared in the event of an emergency situation.

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

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Ordered when a threat outside a school building is great, such as inclement weather or a neighborhood incident, such as hazardous chemicals, civic unrest, etc.

LOCKDOWN

Ordered when there is a threat inside or nearby a building. Students are secured in the school. School staff does not communicate during a lockdown. Parents are not allowed on site during a lockdown.

EVACUATION

Ordered when people must exit the building due to unsafe circumstances. If student pick-up or off-site reunification is required, instructions will be communicated by the district.

What should parents know? What protocols should they follow?

- Please do not call the school or security staff; they are working on the situation and ensuring your student's safety. Do not go to the school; this may interfere with procedures. Only public safety personnel will be allowed in/near a school during an emergency situation.
- We know families want information immediately. Our experience, however, tells us that initial information can be incorrect if it's distributed in a rush. Please know AJUSD is working hard to determine what the situation is and will communicate with families as soon as information is verified to be accurate and next actions have been determined.
- It is vital parents and guardians keep their information updated in Blackboard. AJUSD will utilize email, text messaging and phone calls to communicate.
- Check AJUSD's website at www.ajUSD.org for updated information during an emergency.
- AJUSD understands parents, guardians and family members may want to communicate with students during an emergency. Please refrain from calling; it may prevent students from hearing important, possibly life-saving instructions.
- If you're at a school and an emergency occurs, follow protocol with students and staff.