

Silver Mesa Emergency Preparedness 2020-21

At Silver Mesa we believe in creating a culture of safety. Fostering a secure and supportive learning environment at our schools is of paramount importance and is best accomplished through vigilance and adherence to safety standards. Throughout the school we practice safety procedures monthly to provide guidance and security to our students in times of an emergency. Our emergency drills are divided into three groups: **Evacuate**, **Shelter-in-Place** and **Lockdown**.

EVACUATE - To the Announced Location

Evacuation safety drills are practiced for when there is a need to move students, visitors and employees out of the building to safety. During an evacuation safety drill, classes will line up on assigned spots away from the building in specific locations. If there is an actual emergency and a need to evacuate the premises, we will relocate to the LDS church east of campus where parents can pick up their students.

Students are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind
- Follow directions

Teachers are trained to:

- Grab roll sheets. Team Leaders will take out school emergency kits
- Lead evacuation to location
- Take roll
- Report problems to Team Leaders

SHELTER-IN-PLACE - Secure the Perimeter

Shelter-in-place safety drills are practiced as a precaution to keep staff and students safe indoors when there is a threat or hazard outside the building. During a shelter-in-place safety drill, teachers have access to student provided emergency kits in their classrooms to provide comfort and nourishment when needed.

Students are trained to:

- Remain in the classrooms and follow emergency directions
- School as usual

Teachers are trained to:

- Increase situational awareness
- Take roll, account for students, report problems
- School as usual

LOCKDOWN - Locks, Lights, Out of Sight

Lockdown safety drills are practiced for when there is an immediate threat of violence in or around the school. A lockdown's purpose is to minimize visibility while sheltering students, staff and any visitors. During an actual lockdown school personnel may also need to consider if running or fighting, and not just hiding, is their best method of student safety and survival.

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Prepare to evade

Teachers are trained to:

- Lock interior doors and shut off lights
- Move away from sight/doors and maintain silence
- Do not open door
- Prepare to evade or defend