

Important Information

Following a school emergency, parents/guardians are encouraged to monitor school information and communications:

- ◆ Information may be sent to parents/guardians by the school emergency notification system.
- ◆ Puyallup School District Facebook and Twitter are often used to provide information and updates.
- ◆ Visit our school website for updates:
www.puyallup.k12.wa.us
- ◆ District main number:
(253) 841-1301



Puyallup School District is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff and visitors.

The district's safety committee and our schools have worked together to strengthen and coordinate our Emergency Response Plans. We work closely with national, state, and local safety officials such as fire, police, Pierce County Emergency Management and public health officials to ensure our schools are well prepared in the event of an emergency.

Each school conducts drills throughout the school year to help students and staff prepare for possible emergencies.

This guide offers steps you can take should a crisis occur at your child's school.

Visit our district website for additional information:

www.puyallup.k12.wa.us

www.facebook.com/puyallupschools

www.twitter.com/puyallupsd

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School Emergency Information Guide for Parents



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How You Can Help

BE PREPARED FOR A SCHOOL EMERGENCY

- ◆ Ensure that your child's emergency contact information is accurate and current.
- ◆ Become familiar with your school's emergency communications procedures. The district is committed to providing accurate and timely information in the event of an emergency.

IN CASE OF A SCHOOL EMERGENCY

Although your first reaction may be to call or rush to your child's school, please follow the tips below.

- ◆ DO NOT call or rush to your child's school. Phone lines and staff are needed for emergency response efforts.
- ◆ DO NOT phone your child. It may not always be safe for students or staff to answer incoming calls during an emergency or lockdown.
- ◆ Tune in to local TV/Radio stations for official school news alerts.
- ◆ Puyallup School District Facebook and Twitter are often used to provide information and updates.
- ◆ Rely only on official communication from school or public safety officials.
- ◆ Listen for official information regarding reunification with your child.

The Puyallup School District number is **253-841-1301**.

Safety Terms and Procedures

In the event of an emergency at your child's school, it is important to know these terms.

LOCKDOWN – A lockdown takes place if an internal or external threat is identified at the school. All school doors are locked and students are confined to classrooms. No entry into or exit from the school will be allowed until an "all-clear" announcement is made.

SHELTER IN PLACE – Students take refuge in designated areas to protect them from hazardous materials or severe weather. No entry into or exit from the school will be allowed until an "all-clear" announcement is made.

EVACUATION – In the event of certain building emergencies, students will be relocated to an evacuation assembly area.

REVERSE EVACUATION – Students are evacuated from the outside of the building to the interior in the event of an outside threat. No entry into or exit from the school will be allowed until an "all-clear" announcement is made.

How can I be reunited with my child?

REUNIFICATION – Parents/guardians will be directed by school or district communication, or public safety officials via media to their child's specific location. Students will be

released **ONLY** to parents/guardians or those who are documented as emergency contacts and who present a picture ID (driver's license, military ID or passport).

Following an Emergency

- ◆ Listen to and acknowledge your child's concerns.
- ◆ Provide reassurance that your child is safe.
- ◆ Assure your child that additional prevention efforts are being put into place.
- ◆ Seek help from school personnel* or a mental health professional if concerns persist.

The Puyallup School District has a Crisis Response Team that is trained and ready to respond to schools to assist staff, students and families in the aftermath of traumatic events. For more information about supports available please contact your school's guidance counselor or Student Services at (253) 435-6515.



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