Emergency procedures for schools

Student and staff safety is the top priority of the Anchorage School District

The Anchorage School District is continuing the ALICE safety program to better prepare staff and students for a violent intruder situation. Incorporating additional methods increases readiness and understanding of options for safety and survival during such an emergency.

ASD’s procedures include evacuation, barricade, and means to distract or counter an intruder as a last resort. All staff and students will be trained in the ALICE Training Institute response, a program already in use on many school campuses in Alaska and nationwide. Adopting these additional methods brings District policies and procedures in line with current federal recommendations, which are based on years of research following attacks on school grounds nationwide.

“The ALICE response empowers staff and students to be smart about the environment around them, understand their risks, and do something,” said Dr. Deena Bishop, superintendent. “Student and staff safety is the absolute top priority in our District. Our emergency procedures are based on national standards, evidence, and data.”

Conversations about the procedures are age-appropriate for students. For example, younger elementary students may be told to look at their teacher for direction on what to do, such as evacuate or lockdown. Older students may have discussed with their teacher about why such drills are necessary and how to respond based on the situation immediately surrounding their classroom.

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