



SCHOOL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

STEP 1: What to do before an emergency takes place.

Make sure your child's emergency contact information is updated and current. Contact your local school to update this information.

Be Alert.

Get up-to-date information by using the following:

Twitter: @LCSforKids

Facebook:

@limestonecountyschools

Website:

www.lcsk12.org

Local TV & Radio Stations

SCHOOL EMERGENCY RESPONSE

STEP 2: What do parents do during an emergency?

During an emergency, our first priority is the safety of our students and staff.

Communication to parents will be delayed until school officials understand the full scope of the situation.

Avoid calling or rush to the school. Accesses to buildings are limited to emergency personnel during these situations.

Avoid calling/texting your child. The noise and use of a cell phone may put your child in further danger.

Stay informed. Listen to information outlets listed.
Limestone County Schools

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Athens, AL 35611

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SCHOOL EMERGENCY TERMINOLOGY

STEP 3: Understanding what this means.

Modified Lockdown:

Used when the threat is outside the school walls. All outside doors are locked. Also used for drug dog searches.

Full Lockdown:

Used when the threat is inside the building. Safe Defend System is activated.

Shelter In Place:

Used in inclement weather. Students are sheltered in designated/approved areas.

Evacuation:

Used when building is no longer safe. Students will be moved to a designated area outside the school building. Reunification with parents will take place there.





LIMESTONE COUNTY SCHOOLS

SCHOOL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION BROCHURE

Inclement Weather Information

The weather conditions in our area can change in a short period of time. One thing that does not change is the school system's commitment to keeping students safe. The conditions of all communities are reviewed and considered when making decisions regarding the delay, early dismissal, or cancellation of school. Partnerships with the Limestone County Sheriffs Department, the Limestone County EMA, and the National Weather Service are to ensure we have up-to-date and accurate information.

Decisions regarding delays or cancellations are released to the public in time for broadcast during the 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM newscast or no later than the 10:00 PM newscast. If no decision is announced during the 10:00 PM newscast, the next time for decision will be announced at 5:30 AM. If after a delay the decision is made to cancel the entire day the decision to cancel school will be released to our news media partners at 7:30 AM.

As a parent, you know the conditions at your home best. If conditions at your home are hazardous in regard to travel, please do not feel that you must send your child to school. The absence will not be counted against your child provided you supply the school with documentation for absence, due to inclement weather conditions at your home.

The safety of all of our students in Limestone County is our highest priority. Limestone County Schools understands the need to communicate our inclement weather procedures to our parents and stakeholders. We hope you find this information helpful to you and your family as we work together planning for inclement weather events. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or if we may be of service to you.

Q&A

What do I as a parent need to do if my child's contact information changes?

Contact your child's school to update.

What if I have multiple children on different campuses?

Contact each child's school to update.

Can I, as a parent, check my child out during severe weather?

Yes, but with one exception. Students are NOT permitted to leave campus if the area is under a Tornado Warning. Parents CAN enter the building and Shelter In Place with their child.

Who can pick my child up and check them out after an Emergency Situation?

Parents or legal guardians are best at any time. If students are still in the building, the parent can call the school and request another adult.

If an Evacuation has happened, only parents or legal guardians will be able to pick up students.