



SCHOOL SAFETY PRACTICES

San Pasqual Valley Unified School District practices safety procedures throughout the school year, including regular fire drills, and earthquake drills. Students and staff are trained annually to respond to emergencies.

STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

Our schools utilize the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) developed by the [I Love U Guys Foundation](#). The SRP is a program that provides consistent, clear, shared language and actions among students, staff, and first responders for all situations. The SRP is based on these five actions:



Hold

Hold is followed by the directive: “In your room or area” and is a protocol used when hallways need to be kept clear of students and staff. *During a Hold, learning continues inside the school with minimal classroom interruption.*



Secure

Secure is followed by the directive: “Get inside. Lock outside doors and gates” and is the protocol used to safeguard students and staff within the building. Secure is based on activity in the surrounding area and not in school grounds. *During a Secure, learning continues inside the school with minimal classroom interruption.*



Lockdown

Lockdown is followed by “Locks, lights, out of sight” and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep occupants quiet and in place. Students and staff also barricade doors and windows and prepare to take control of the situation if necessary. *During a Lockdown, the emergency or dangerous situation is inside or near the school.*



Evacuate

Evacuate may be followed by a location and is used to move students and staff to a new or safe location. *During an Evacuation, the situation is inside or near the school building.*



Shelter

Shelter is followed by a directive based on the appropriate safety strategy for the hazard. *During a Shelter, the situation is affecting or has the possibility of affecting students and staff in the school building.*

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY DRILLS

Preparation is key to effective response in case of an emergency. Drills help our staff and students respond quickly, calmly, and safely to several situations. Drills throughout the school year include:

- Fire drills
- Earthquake drills
- Lockdown drills

Drills help us provide confidence, reduce confusion, panic, and/or serious injury for students and staff. Drills also enable us to evaluate the effectiveness of our processes and procedures to continuously improve as deficiencies or updates are presented.

REUNIFICATION

As a result of any of the above five scenarios, students may need to be reunified with parents through a controlled release at the school or a reunification location.

We want to reunite students with parents as soon as possible during an emergency. We will work with our police and fire agencies to determine when it is safe to reunite students and parents. These situations often take time and planning to ensure parents and their children are reunited safely.

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