

On Campus Threat Response Protocol

Signal: One Long Tone and Lockdown Announcement

An “active shooter” is an individual who is engaged or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearm(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. Victims are selected at random. The event is unpredictable and evolves quickly- usually over with in less than 5 minutes.

Knowing what to do can save lives. When an Active Shooter is in your vicinity, you must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with the situation.

You have three options:

RUN

- Run to the nearest safe place regardless of whether other agree to follow
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others escape (if possible to do so and maintain safety)
- Do not attempt to move the wounded
- Prevent others from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
- Once you get to a safe location, remain with others who have escaped with you and call 911
- Notify the school of your location (or Law enforcement in necessary), including the names of people who are with you

HIDE

- Hide in an area out of the shooter’s view. Use barriers if possible
- Lock door or block entry to your hiding place
- **Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain quiet**
- Call 911
- If locking down in a room, use heavy items to barricade doors
- Follow lockdown procedures
- Arm yourself with anything that can be used as a weapon
- Use tables/cabinets to build a defensive barrier within the room
- Assume defensive positions

FIGHT

- **Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger**
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with as much physical aggression as possible (gouge eyes, choke, groin shots, stab....)
- Improvise weapons or throw items at the active shooter
- Commit to your actions...your life depends on it

When law enforcement arrives

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Drop items in your hands (e.g., bags, jackets)
- Raise hands and spread fingers
- You may be handcuffed, searched, or put prone on the ground
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers, such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing screaming or yelling
- Do not ask questions when evacuating
- The first officers to arrive on scene will not stop to help the injured
- Rescue teams to follow initial officers and will treat and remove injured

What to expect after the threat is over:

- You will likely be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control, and all witnesses have been identified and questioned. Do not leave the area until law enforcement authorities have instructed you to do so.
- Witnesses will be identified and questioned
- School will be closed