

# Safe & Secure

What parents should know about Emergency Preparedness at Tumwater School District.



Continuous Student Learning in a Caring, Engaging Environment

## Safety is Our Priority

Tumwater School District is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment.

- We conduct safety drills, including active shooter and other internal threat drills to ensure that, if we are faced with such a situation, we can act swiftly.
- We partner with Tumwater Police Department and have two School Resource Officers assigned specifically to our campuses.
- Each of our schools has developed a Comprehensive Safe Schools Plan with plans for numerous crisis situations.
- All building renovations are designed for school safety. In addition, we are in the process of conducting campus security reviews at each campus to identify any vulnerabilities we still need to address.
- Tip lines are available by phone, 360-709-7998, and on our website for students, parents and/or community members to report information of potential violence, bullying and/or harassment or other issues that may need to be investigated.
- A Threat Assessment System has been implemented for the purpose of preventing targeted violence.
- We continually provide emergency training to our staff and students

## Dear Parents,

The safety of our students and staff has been, and always will be, our top priority.

To this effort, we have established school and District safety teams to plan for incidents at their schools or across the District. Staff members are well practiced in our emergency plans and we have partnered closely with our local first-responders to provide the best emergency management procedures. In addition, all of our building renovations are designed for school safety and we are conducting campus security reviews at each campus to identify any vulnerabilities that we need to address.

Your collaboration is vital in keeping our schools safe. Talk with your children about their personal safety. Have them tell you about the drills they practice at school. Make sure to monitor social media accounts, recognize warning signs, know when to intervene, and stay involved. If you are ever concerned about your child or any other child, please contact your child's school office or counselor.

## Your Role

Ensure your child's school has up-to-date information (phone, email, and street address) for you and all emergency contacts. The District notification system uses this data to contact you.

Have an emergency care provider in place and listed on your child's record in the event of an unplanned early dismissal.

Know that District and school administrators and law enforcement are the only official sources of information in a school emergency.



## Stay Connected

### Keep Your Emergency Contact Information Up-to-Date!

Contact your child's school to make updates when you or any of your emergency contacts get a new

- **Email address**
  - **Phone number (cell or house)**
- Set your preferences in Skyward.

## Emergency Communications

When necessary, parents will be contacted via phone, email or both by the District. Updates will be sent as available. If an evacuation is required, parents will be notified as to location and transportation arrangements. See how here: <https://www.tumwater.k12.wa.us/Page/2331>

## Get to know the terms we use.

### Partial Lockdown/Lockout

Is an emergency response to an actual or potential (non-imminent) threat outside the building; school continues inside the building, all outside activities are discontinued; all doors leading inside are locked. **Activation examples:** Animal on grounds or nearby; criminal activity in the area.

### Lockdown

Is an emergency response when there is an actual or imminent threat inside the school or on/near the campus; students and staff are moved into secure areas, depending on circumstances may use run/hide/fight as alternative options. **Activation examples:** hostage incident, criminal activity in the area, active shooter.

### Shelter-in-Place

Is an emergency response when students and staff may remain inside the building; may need to relocate to a different location within the building, close windows and doors and remain quiet. **Activation examples:** chemical release, chemical spills, extreme weather.

### Evacuation

Is an emergency response when a building needs to be vacated and students and staff moved to a new location. **Activation examples:** fire, chemical release, extended power or heating system failure.