

EMERGENCY CODES

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) maintains that the prevention of and preparation for emergency situations is an essential priority to maximize the safety and security of all students, staff, and visitors at all schools and administrative sites. As such, BCPS believes reasonable life-safety efforts are the responsibility of all part-time, full-time, and temporary personnel. The District has adopted and shall continue to adopt and implement, as appropriate, a variety of safety and security measures to enhance the ability of the organization and its personnel to protect and preserve human life and property.

BCPS maintains:

1. All staff shall comply with all required life-safety, policies, procedures, trainings, exercises, and drill requirements for workplace safety, supervision of students, prevention and preparedness for accidents, medical emergencies, fires, natural disasters, and acts of violence.
2. All staff are required to attend all mandatory emergency code training(s) and formally document their completion of the training in or through the designated process.
3. Building administrator(s) and/or their designee(s) of every school and administrative site shall collaborate with the District's Division of Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness to schedule and conduct drills for active assailant and hostage situations with the frequency required by statute.
4. All staff are required to participate in emergency code training(s) each year to familiarize themselves with the various emergency codes within BCPS, and more importantly, to know how to properly prepare and respond in each emergency situation.
5. Building administrator(s) and/or their designee(s) of every school and administrative site shall utilize Broward County Schools Lockdown/Evacuation Report via the Gateway reporting system to record the completion of all actual lockdowns and emergency code trainings, to include lessons learned and areas for improvement to be implemented at the site or recommended for consideration across the school district.
6. Any staff member may initiate a Code Red Lockdown on a school campus should they see, hear, or smell anything that immediately impacts the safety and security of the staff, students, or visitors on campus.

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