

LOCKDOWN

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. WHAT IS A LOCKDOWN?

A. An emergency impacting a school campus that prevents the safe evacuation of a school building and requires steps to shelter students and staff from danger. Lockdown procedures may also be used to ensure the safety of students when an incident occurs in the vicinity of a school.

Q. WHAT IS A LOCKDOWN LEVEL 1?

A. This is what all schools will operate on during a school day. It is the all safe level but exterior and interior (classroom) doors should remain locked and closed.

Q. WHAT IS A LOCKDOWN LEVEL 2?

A. These lockdowns are used to secure the school or building from a potential threat taking place outside, such as law enforcement activity in the neighborhood, or inside such as a medical emergency in the building. Access to the building is restricted, but there may be controlled limited movement. No one but school personnel and law enforcement (if needed) would be permitted to enter or leave. EX. Students in classrooms may operate normal activities.

Q. WHAT IS A LOCKDOWN LEVEL 3?

A. These lockdowns are used to secure the school or building during an act of violence or threat of violence inside the school. District personnel, law enforcement, and first responders are permitted to enter or leave the building during this type of Lockdown. Once law enforcement has determined that the threat has passed, the school will resume normal procedures. EX. Classrooms would stop normal activity.

Q. WHAT HAPPENS DURING A LOCKDOWN?

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 - All students remain in classrooms or other secure locations away from potential danger
 - Teachers and staff account for students and ensure that no one leaves the safe area
 - School personnel secure building entrances to prevent unauthorized individuals from entering
 - For the safety of all, no one is allowed to enter or exit the school until the lockdown is lifted.

Q. HOW WILL I KNOW MY CHILD'S SCHOOL WAS ON A LOCKDOWN?

A. If your child's school experienced a lockdown during the school day, you will receive a message (voice or text). In certain situations, you may also receive a parent letter informing you of the lockdown.

Q. HOW LONG DOES A LOCKDOWN USUALLY LAST?

A. A majority of the lockdowns are precautionary in nature and many last less than 10 minutes. Each situation is unique, so there isn't a pre-established time limit.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

White County
Board of Education
706-865-2315

White County Sheriff's Office
706-865-5177
(non-emergency)

Cleveland Police Department
706-865-2111
(non-emergency)

Non-Emergency Dispatch
706-865-0911