



PUTNAM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Students - Staff - Parents - Community

To All Parents:

Thank you for choosing Putnam County Schools to provide educational Services for your child. We are proud to be able to serve you and your children and we will continually strive to provide a safe learning environment for them.

The safety of your child and all children in our schools as well as the safety of the school staff and support personnel is very important to us. In order to maintain a safe environment for our children to study and learn, it is necessary that we practice our emergency and crisis response plans by having drills designed to exercise our procedures.

The students and staff of your school will be practicing non-traditional "LOCKDOWN DRILLS". These drills may take place during a time when your child is not in a classroom setting (i.e. lunch, class exchange, school arrival/dismissal).

LOCKDOWN DRILLS

This type of drill will secure the school building and safely shelter all students, staff and visitors inside the building. The purpose of this drill is to keep the students safe from any danger outside or inside the building. During a "lockdown drill" all of the perimeter doors to the school building will be locked and will remain locked until the danger or issue outside or inside the building is removed. To enable everyone to remain safe, no one will be allowed to enter the building or leave the building until the authorities authorize such a release.

Our school district has worked closely with local authorities to correctly develop and implement safety procedures. The goals of drills throughout the school year are to improve our ability to protect students, save lives, and reduce injuries. These practice drills allow us to evaluate our emergency operation plans and improve our response skills.

Please remember that these safety practice drills are done to help maintain our schools as a safe place to learn and work.

If you have any questions regarding any of these Safety Drills or other safety concerns, please contact the School Safety and Security department. The telephone number is (386)329-0538.

Sincerely,

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