

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Inclement weather or other emergency situations may result in school closing, a delayed opening or early dismissal. School closings will be announced over local radio and television stations. Close contact is maintained with the SD51 transportation office, Colorado State Highway Department, Weather Bureau, and news media. Additionally, an Alert Notification area is on the main page of the SD51 web site (www.d51schools.org). You will see a symbol indicating the level of urgency on the home page. You are urged to access the SD51 website for information about school closures or emergency situations or listen to the radio or television stations.

At times, there may be a need to put our school into lockdown due to an immediate safety concern. **In the event of an emergency please do not call the school.** Phones are not answered while we are in a lockdown status. Instead, check the sources described above for information regarding further instructions. Please view the 8 minute video below describing procedures during an emergency requiring the school to be in lock down.

<https://youtu.be/lrNeeXYqyPM>

Parents/Guardians complete an Emergency Form at the beginning of each school year and it is extremely important to keep your home address, phone numbers, and emergency contact information current with the office in the event you must be notified before or during the school day. Current information is vital in the event we are in a lockdown or evacuation situation. Parents / Guardians will need to be prepared to show proper identification when picking up a student in an emergency situation and reunification process.

SD51 has invested in a district-wide communication system called SchoolConnects and School Messenger that will contact you regarding important news, events, and emergency or safety-related situations. Schools and the district can only send texts to phones who have subscribed to receive the messages. For more information about receiving emergency text alerts or for directions for receiving text messages please consult the SD51 website.