



TULOSO-MIDWAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Re. Emergency Preparedness Drills

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

The safety and welfare of our students and staff are our highest priority. 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 Texas School Safety Center provides guidelines regarding emergency response drills. In order to maintain a safe environment for our students 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 goal of any training drill is to improve our ability to protect students, reduce injuries, and save lives. Drills allow us to evaluate our emergency operations plan and improve our response skills.

This letter serves as notification that we will be conducting these drills in accordance with the Texas School Safety Center guidelines. While you will not receive advanced notification for the specific dates of the drills, we may send a letter home advising when a drill other than a fire drill has taken place so that you can continue the discussion about safe practices with your children. You will only be notified if there is a real emergency. We will do our best to reduce possible student anxiety by preparing them prior to a lockdown or a shelter-in-place drill. You can find additional information on our emergency preparedness procedures by going to our district website at <http://tmisd.us>.

In the event of an actual major emergency, procedures to pick up your child may be different than on a regular school day. Any approved emergency contact person should bring proper identification to the school. These procedures are designed for your child's protection and for your peace of mind. In order to protect students in case of an actual major emergency, students will be released only to the parents and/or other adults listed on the student's emergency card. Please ensure that this card has updated and accurate information. Changes can only be made in person. It is a good idea to have several trusted adults listed on the card. You should also discuss your reunification plans in advance with anyone listed on the student's emergency card.

We also recommend that you discuss your family's home preparedness plan with your children. You can find information on disaster preparedness on FEMA's website <http://www.ready.gov>. The American Red Cross also has outstanding materials. You can obtain Red Cross materials in English or in Spanish from their web site: <http://www.redcross.org> or by calling your local chapter at (361) 887-9991.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call your child's school office.