

SCHOOL SAFETY:

This guide will help offer steps you can take in the event of an emergency. PCHS is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff, and visitors. We have a Schoolwide Emergency Response Plan and we have worked with national, state, and local safety officials such as Police, Fire, and Emergency Management to ensure our school is well prepared in the event of an emergency.

PCHS SAFETY TERMS AND PROCEDURES:

In the event of an emergency at your child's school, it is important to know these terms:

LOCKDOWN: A lockdown takes place if an internal or external threat is identified at the school. All school doors are secured, and students are confined to classrooms. No entry/exit from the school will be allowed until the "all clear" is made.

SHELTER IN PLACE: Students take refuge in designated areas to protect from hazardous materials, severe weather, or medical emergencies. No entry/exit from the school will be allowed until an "all clear" is made.

EVACUATION: In the event of certain building emergencies, students will be relocated to an evacuation assembly area. Students will be released ONLY to parents/guardians with photo ID and permission from a school official. This procedure is necessary to account for the whereabouts of all students.

HOLD: A hold takes place if there is a campus disturbance that is not threatening or dangerous but requires a controlled response. Students are moved into their classrooms and continue class as usual. No one is permitted out of class. Students may not enter or exit campus until an "all clear" is made.

HOW WILL I BE REUNITED WITH MY CHILD?

Parents/Guardians will be directed by PCHS via ParentSquare and/or text message to the request and reunification location. This location may change depending on the type of emergency. Students will ONLY be released to parent/guardians who are listed as an emergency contact and who present a State or Federal photo ID. The reunification process can be time-consuming, so please be patient.

WHAT WE DO:

- PCHS has trained emergency response team members and offers safety training for all faculty and staff.
- We conduct drills throughout the school year to help students and all faculty and staff prepare for possible emergencies.
- All students, faculty and staff are enrolled in the PCHS Safety Course.

FOLLOWING AN EMERGENCY:

- Listen to and acknowledge your child's concerns.
- Seek help from school personnel or a mental health professional if concerns persist.
- Provide reassurance that your child is safe.