

LCISD “Alert” and “Lockdown” Emergency Precautionary Measures

Unfortunately, due to the increasing number of tragic school incidents that are taking place in our country, all school districts (private and public) must have in place contingency plans to react to any number of potentially dangerous situations that could pose a threat to the safety and security of students and staff.

Lubbock-Cooper ISD has established two “threat level” campus conditions that can be instantly implemented to respond to a situation that could potentially put our students and staff “at risk”:

1. **“Alert”:** An “alert” is initiated when there is a “possible” threat in the general area of one of our campuses (it is not, as yet, in the immediate area). Some examples of this type of situation could be a domestic dispute involving a weapon taking place several miles away from an LCISD campus, or a police pursuit taking place on a road or highway that could move in the direction of the district. In other words, this is used if the threat is not taking place on LCISD property, but there is the potential for the threat to move into close proximity, or actually onto, LCISD grounds.

“Alert” Procedures:

1. An LCISD Police Officer will be stationed at the front entrance of all involved campuses to monitor all visitors to that campus. Parents will be able to pick up and return their children from appointments as usual.
 2. All students engaged in outside activity will be brought back inside the building.
 3. Staff and student movement inside the building will continue as normal.
 4. LCISD Police will be in constant communication with the law enforcement agency involved in the threat situation. Once the “all clear” is given to our police department by this law enforcement agency, the “alert” status will be lifted.
2. **“Lockdown”:** A “lockdown” is initiated when there is an “immediate” threat to LCISD students and staff. Examples of this type of situation would be an intruder to a campus, shots fired in close proximity of a campus, or police pursuit on or very near to school grounds.

“Lockdown” Procedures:

1. An LCISD Police Officer will be stationed at the front entrance of all involved campuses. The front entrance will be locked, and no individuals (parents, staff, or students) will be allowed to enter or exit the campus.
2. All students engaged in outside activity will be brought back inside the building.
3. No movement will take place within the building. All classroom and office doors will be locked. Lights will be turned off and students and staff will move to their designated “take cover” areas.
4. LCISD Police will be in constant communication with area law enforcement agencies. Once the “all clear” is given by local law enforcement and the LCISD Police Department, the “lockdown” status will be lifted.

Notification to Parents:

When an “alert” or a “lockdown” status has been called at an LCISD campus (or campuses), parents will be notified of this fact after the “alert” or “lockdown” has been lifted. Parents are not notified of an **active** “alert” or “lockdown” status due to the fact that this would undoubtedly result in parents coming up to that campus to pick up their child. Such a scenario would most certainly have a negative effect on an active search for a suspect in the area. In such situations, students and staff are safest inside the building with an armed LCISD Police Officer stationed at the front entrance.

Please know that these preventative measures are designed to provide the utmost security and safety for your children and our staff while at school.