

MCPASD Crisis Response Actions

Information For Families

MCPASD use Crisis Response Actions to standardize crisis response protocols and associated vocabulary, as well as the Incident Command System from the National Incident Management System. The adoption of these protocols and systems will align crisis response at MGSD with national, state, and local agencies and area school districts, and will provide a foundation for sustainable practices moving forward.



Classroom Hold: A Classroom Hold is called when students would be in the way of staff or emergency responders responding to a crisis, such as a medical or behavioral incident. Staff will clear students from the hallways and collaboration areas, and then remain in their classrooms until the Classroom hold is lifted. Instruction will continue as normal. Families of students will be informed of a classroom hold, but information will be limited, because of privacy concerns.



Building Secure: A Building Secure is called when there is a situation outside the school that could become dangerous, but there is no immediate threat to the staff or students inside the school. A Building Secure might be called in the case of a dangerous animal, a law enforcement incident, or a situation that requires emergency responders in the vicinity. All students and staff will be brought inside the building, where instruction will continue as normal. All exterior doors will be locked, no visitors will be allowed to come into the building and no students will be allowed to leave until the Building Secure is lifted. All families will receive a notification when the building secure protocol is implemented and when it is cleared (before the end of the school day whenever possible).



Shelter: A shelter is used when conditions outside the building are so dangerous that students and staff need to move to an interior part of the building to be safe. Shelter will be called in response to a severe weather event, like a tornado, or a release of hazardous materials. Students and staff will remain sheltered until it is safe. All families will receive a notification once it is safe and practicable.



Evacuation: An Evacuation is used when there is a dangerous situation inside the building such as a fire, gas leak, or the release of a hazardous material. Students and staff will be instructed to leave the building quickly via the nearest safe exit and then will assemble outside to allow attendance to be taken. All families will receive a notification once it is safe and practicable.



Active Threat: An Active Threat is used to respond to a person or persons actively trying to harm students and staff. When an active threat is identified at the school, students and staff will be notified by an announcement over the public address systems. This announcement will also engage all the internal security doors, effectively partitioning the building to make it harder for an active threat to get to staff and students. When an active threat is announced, students and staff will respond to it by either locking and barricading their door or by escaping the building and going to a rally point or short term evacuation site. All families will receive a notification once it is safe and practicable. This action also calls 911 with a recorded message and alerts select district staff.