

SCHOOL SECURITY DRILLS

The following are the planned procedures for responding to a school campus intrusion/crisis. If a teacher, student, or administrator is made aware of an intruder, violence, weapons, acts of terrorism, or other crisis within the school campus, the following actions should be taken:

1. Notify the office immediately by intercom or in person, whichever is fastest (no student messengers).
2. Do not confront any intruder. Instead, notify the principal/office, unless a student is in imminent danger.
3. The principal/office will announce over the intercom, "This is a security drill, please take action at this time." The office will also notify the police, ambulance, superintendent, etc., and will immediately shut off all school bells.
4. Teachers' immediate responsibilities shall be:

Lock all classroom doors (all inside)
Close all windows, window blinds/curtains
Turn all classroom lights off
Gather all students in an obscure corner of the room
Keep students orderly and quiet
Refrain from using the intercom unless the intruder is visible and office contact is necessary
Do not leave the classroom/students at any time
5. The principal shall close all hallway doors in the building.
6. The principal shall announce over the intercom that the drill is "over" and any explanation will be given at that time.
7. Commerce Public Schools shall provide professional counseling to students, parents, and faculty after such a crisis is resolved.

A minimum of two lockdown drills will be conducted at each school site within the district on an annual basis. No lockdown drill will be conducted at the same time of day as a previous lockdown drill conducted in the same school year, and no more than two lockdown drills shall be conducted in one semester. The board of education and administration shall make a determination each year as to the extent of student involvement in the lockdown drill. Staff shall be required to participate in the drill.

LEGAL REFERENCE: 70 O.S. § 5-148