

Superior Central Emergency Preparedness FAQs

1. What types of emergencies is Superior Central prepared for?

Superior Central staff and students strive to be prepared for emergencies. Superior Central has developed a comprehensive plan for all emergencies and staff and students are both trained in emergency preparedness.

2. Who is responsible for ensuring that the school drills are carried out in accordance with the state requirements?

Superintendent/K-12 Principal Bill Valima and Alger County Administrator Steve Webber coordinate drills to ensure that drills are carried appropriately. New legislation took effect on July 1, 2014. This legislation mandates that:

- ❖ Five fire drills per school year. Three of which must take place by December 1. (There must be a reasonable interval between each drill.)
- ❖ Two tornado safety drills per school year. One of which must take place in March.
- ❖ Three lockdown drills per school year, including security measures appropriate to an emergency "such as the release of hazardous material or the presence of a potentially dangerous individual on or near the premises." At least one of the drills must take place by December 1 and at least one after January 1. (There must be a reasonable interval between each drill.)

It's also important to note that schools are required to conduct at least one of the above-listed drills during lunch, recess, or at another time when a significant number of students are present, but not in classrooms.

Lastly, a list of all scheduled drill days must be provided to the county emergency management coordinator by September 15. It's then his/her responsibility to share this information with the appropriate local emergency coordinator, if applicable.

Public Posting Requirement

The new law also states that school officials must document all completed school safety drills on the school's website within five days of completion. Once posted, the information must stay on the website for at least three years. When posting the drill information, make sure to include the following:

- ❖ School name
- ❖ School year of drill
- ❖ Date and time of drill
- ❖ Type of drill
- ❖ Number and type of drills completed during the school year (i.e. Fire Drill 1/5)
- ❖ Signature of the school principal acknowledging the completion of the drill
- ❖ Name of the individual in charge of conducting the drill, if it is not the school principal

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Cardiac Emergency Response Requirement

The biggest change under the new law is the new requirement for all schools to adopt and implement a cardiac emergency response plan. The plan must be comprehensive and address all of the following:

- ❖ Use and maintenance of automated external defibrillators (AED) (if available).
 - ❖ Assembly of a designated cardiac emergency response team to be available during an identified cardiac emergency.
 - ❖ A plan for effective and efficient communication throughout the school campus during an identified cardiac emergency.
 - ❖ A training plan for the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) and CPR techniques (if the school includes grades 9-12).
 - ❖ Incorporation and integration of the local emergency response system and emergency response agencies with the school's plan.
 - ❖ An annual review and evaluation of the cardiac emergency response plan.
- (Source: http://mymassp.com/content/new_safety_drill_requirements_take_effect_july_1)

3. Can I see the school's emergency plan?

The detailed plans are not available to the public per board of education policy. However, all completed school safety drills and reports can be found online at www.superiorcentralschools.org under the Transparency Reporting Icon.

4. What steps have been taken to prevent an intruder from entering the building?

We have minimal access to the school building during the school day. From 8:15a.m. until 3:00 p.m. all guests must enter the school through the secure entrance at the elementary and high school offices. Guests must be buzzed in by secretarial or administrative staff. If an intruder entered the building and demanded to enter, the school would be placed into lockdown and the authorities would be immediately contacted. The staff has been trained in "active shooter" situations.

5. What is a "lockdown"?

A lockdown is the term used when students are gathered in a specified safe area under the supervision of a staff member. Staff is fully trained in the lockdown procedure. In a lockdown event students are directed to the safest space in the classroom and instructed to be still and quiet until the lockdown is complete.

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6. What is “shelter in place”?

Shelter in place is a term used when students continue to learn in their current learning environment. Students are not permitted to leave the classroom until the shelter in place is lifted. Shelter in place is used when we need students to remain in the classroom during a non-threatening situation such as a drug search.

7. Will any emergencies warrant an evacuation of the school?

Yes. Evacuation procedures are part of the school’s emergency plan. Specific evacuation plans are not released to the public or media due to safety concerns.

8. In the event of an actual emergency, how will I be notified?

In the event of an emergency, notifications will be distributed via the local media, the school website (www.superiorcentralschools.org), the Superior Central Mobile App, and school Social Media.

9. If I hear that there is an emergency should I immediately come to the school?

No. The school’s intent is to keep all children safe until the threat is neutralized. Parents are asked to not come to the school until the situation is under control. Once the authorities have the situation under control parents will be notified to pick up their students at the reunification center.

10. Where is the reunification center?

The reunification center will held at the Calvary Free Lutheran Church located at E2990 M-94, Eben Junction, MI.

11. Who will be able to pick up my child?

As discussed in the student/parent handbook and at the beginning of the year open house, Parents/Guardians or adults listed on your child’s emergency card are the only people who Superior Central will release your child to. While this may seem like an inconvenience we are trying to keep the safety and best interest of your child in mind.

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12. If the emergency happens in the morning and I can't pick my student up until the afternoon will he be fed?

Yes. If there is an emergency in the morning and we dismiss school after the incident is under control your child can remain with school personnel until you or another adult listed on your child's emergency card can pick them up. Children will be served lunch by school personnel.

13. In the event of an emergency, will school be held tomorrow as planned?

Each incident is different and the cancellation of school will be decided on a case by case basis. Please check the school website @ www.superiorcentralschools.org and the local media for updates.

14. Will the afternoon busses bring my child home?

No. Because each child reacts differently to stressful situations they will need to be picked up by a parent/guardian or another adult on their emergency card.

15. Will extra-curricular events such as basketball games be held in the evening of an emergency?

Cancellation of extra-curricular events will depend on the emergency situation.

16. Will counseling be available for my child?

Yes, counselors will be available to meet with your child.

17. Can I call my child on his cell phone during the emergency situation?

No. Added stress to your student is not needed during this time. You will be notified of the emergency as stated above.