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## ALICE SAFETY PROCEDURES

The safety and security of your children is our highest priority. As a district, we are constantly updating and improving our safety and security procedures. Since 2012, Dwight Common School staff have been following ALICE safety protocols.

Staff and students receive refresher training during the fall of each school year from School Resource Officer and Certified ALICE trainer, Officer Gary Beier. Under state law, all schools in Illinois must conduct an active shooter drill with students present.

Our goal is not to scare students, but to prepare them. These types of drills are a valuable way for students and staff to practice making good decisions related to our ALICE concepts.

### Alert

Get the word out! Use your classroom phone to call an Intruder Alert Lockdown. Use PLAIN language to convey the type and exact location of the situation.

### Lockdown

Classroom and exterior doors are locked at all times. Students and staff get to an area of the classroom out of view from the door. Lockdown will be made more secure by barricading and/or tying down classroom doors.

### Inform

Continue to communicate via the all-call system. It can keep an intruder off balance and allows for good decision-making by other staff members.

### Counter

Apply skills the staff has learned to distract, confuse, and gain control.

### Evacuate

Reduce the number of potential targets by evacuating students in a controlled manner to pre-established rally points. Rally point practice drills will be held.

If a threatening intruder invades a secured area, and a lockdown is called, students and staff are taught to:

- Listen carefully to the location and type of event.
- Get to and/or remain in a secure area and barricade (if possible) until it is safe to evacuate.
- Use the information they have to determine when and if it is safe to evacuate.
- Cause distractions
- Create chaos to cause sensory overload
- Not be a stationary target
- Controlled evacuation if it is safe to do so.

Staff members are empowered to immediately call an all school Intruder Alert Lockdown if someone threatening the safety of students and staff enters our school. Staff members are authorized to pull a fire alarm if they smell smoke or see a fire and to call 911 in an emergency situation without the need to contact the school office first. Students and staff are not taught or asked to make any attempt to subdue an intruder outside of their secure area.