

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Clarkstown Central School District takes a proactive approach in protecting the safety of all students and staff members. We have developed building safety teams as well as a district emergency response team to coordinate, communicate and respond to various emergencies.

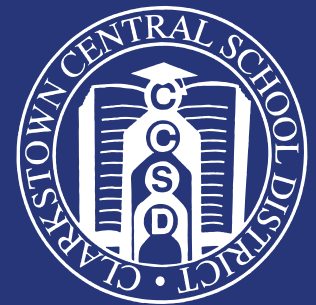
We work in close collaboration with local, state and federal health, safety and emergency personnel to develop and maintain plans for responding to a variety of situations.

The health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority.

*Thank you,
Clarkstown Central School District*

**Safe
& Secure**

**What Parents Should Know About
Emergency Preparedness at CCSD**



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Excellence in Education

Safety is Our Priority

We have earmarked **1.2 million dollars in the last two years to upgrade building security with:**

- * Video Surveillance
- * Card Access
- * Emergency Intercoms

We have partnered with the **Clarkstown Police Department and local fire and emergency services units:**

- * To provide greater police officer visibility in our schools.
- * To provide guidance for best emergency management procedures.

We continually provide **emergency training to our staff and students.**

Get to Know The Terms We Use

Talk to your child about the Emergency Management Procedures they are practicing with their teachers.



SAFETY HOLD

is an emergency response to an actual or potential (non-imminent) threat outside the building; school continues inside the building, all outside activities are terminated.

LOCKDOWN

is an emergency response when there is an actual or imminent threat inside the school or on campus; students and staff are moved into secure areas, dependent on circumstance may use escape/defense as alternative options.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

is an emergency response when students and staff remain inside the building; may need to relocate to a different location within the building, close windows and doors and remain quiet.

EVACUATION

is an emergency response when a building needs to be vacated and students and staff moved to a new location.

FIRE

is an emergency response used when a fire and/or smoke condition is detected and involves an evacuation.

Emergency Management Procedures

Communication

The following means of communication have been established and will be used to notify parents about emergencies:

School Messenger

- * Automated rapid dialing and email system
- * Be sure to keep your child's emergency contact information current.

Our Website

www.ccsd.edu

Social Media

twitter.com/ccsdschools

Reunification

In the event of an emergency, updates, including instructions on reuniting with your child if necessary, will be sent out through our School Messenger system. Parents and guardians may not be allowed to enter the school grounds until public safety agencies declare it safe to do so. This is to ensure the personal safety and well-being of all students and staff.

Questions?

Consult your child's school to become familiar with your school's emergency planning and preparedness efforts.