

Ashley Community Schools

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Lockdown and Evacuation Drill May 15, 2019 8:15-9:00 a.m.

May 15 Ashley Schools will be conducting an intruder lock down and evacuation drill 8:15-9:00 a.m. We will be assisted by Ashley Fire and Rescue.

There will be no access to the school property or the streets around the school during the drill. We will be blocking off the streets with busses at the school parking lot entrance on Oak Street. We will be using busses to block the Oak and New Street corner and New Street at Lynn Street. The Ashley Fire and Rescue will be helping us with student supervision.

Students and staff who evacuate will go to the Community Center on Sterling Street (main street). **If** there was an actual event that required evacuation, parents would be directed to the Remenar Building (white building across the street from the community center) to be reunited with children.

This is a drill required by the State of Michigan. We have been training staff and students in the A.L.I.C.E response protocol. This national training program is based on continuous research of active shooter incidents in schools, work places and other situations. The A.L.I.C.E program is based on what will probably happen, not what could happen. This training provides options for students and staff beyond the traditional lockdown. With this training, students and staff can decide on their own what to do when faced with an armed intruder.

School district administrators and representatives from law enforcement in Gratiot County participated in the A.L.I.C.E. instructor training last summer. In previous drills this year students have practiced lockdown, barricade, counter and evacuate.

A.L.I.C.E stands for:

- A-Alert-Alert everyone in the building if you see a person with a weapon or a threatening intruder.
 - Call for an ALICE alert, lockdown and barricade.
 - Any person can call an alert, approval is not required.
- L- lockdown –lock your classroom doors; barricade the room-spread students in the room
- I- Inform-if you can, inform people of the location and identity characteristics of the intruder.
 - If you can, provide updates during the event.
- C-Counter-prepare to counter-
 - If directly faced with the intruder, throw items to disrupt the intruder and interrupt their focus. This buys more time to evacuate or to allow help to arrive.
- E-Evacuate-Evacuate the area if it is safe to evacuate. Students' will not always evacuate together as a class. They will evacuate as soon as they can. They will all evacuate to the same location (the community center).

- The A.L.I.C.E. response plan allows teachers and students to make their own decisions about how to respond. They can shelter in place or evacuate to the evacuation point. They can evacuate if they think it is safe to do so.