




Crisis Management

GROVETON ES



Fairfax County Public Schools provides administrators and teachers extensive guidance, training and support to ensure schools are equipped to respond to a crisis efficiently and effectively!

Support Resources for Schools

- ▶ The Office of Crisis and Communication Resources (OCCR)
- ▶ The Office of School Safety and Security
- ▶ “Table Top” crisis simulations for schools
- ▶ Support from the Region Offices (Region 3)
- ▶ Partnerships with local law officials and emergency response teams

Trained Responses to Crisis

Students are trained how to:

- ▶ respond to a fire alarm
- ▶ evacuate the building; evacuate school grounds
- ▶ prepare for a tornado
- ▶ respond to a lockdown situation
- ▶ respond to a suspicious person on school property
- ▶ Be an advocate for safety in peer groups

Student safety begins with student efficacy!

Possible School-Wide Responses to a Crisis

“Stay Put, Stay Tuned”

- ▶ County resources communicate and update Groveton ES of crisis situation

“Secure the Building”

- ▶ A possible threat or danger is outside of the building, neighboring community, Route 1 corridor, near by shopping centers
- ▶ This is typically “business as usual” within the building; any outside activity is cancelled
- ▶ Families may still sign students out of school

“Lockdown”

- ▶ Imminent danger inside of the building or on school property
- ▶ Students and staff respond quickly and efficiently (within seconds of an announcement)
- ▶ Students are trained how to respond if they are outside of their classroom when an announcement is made
- ▶ Families are not permitted inside of the building and are discouraged from coming to Groveton ES

“Shelter in Place”

- ▶ Response to a dangerous substance outside of the building (for example, a chemical spill, numerous fires in neighboring area)
- ▶ Families are not permitted to sign out students during this time

Community Response

- ▶ In a crisis, we encourage families **NOT** to come to Groveton.
- ▶ Families can inadvertently increase stress or confusion during a crisis situation.
- ▶ If you do come to the school, please cooperate with Groveton staff; community collaboration is critical.
- ▶ Families will not be permitted to travel to classrooms. In some instances, you will be asked to remain outside of the building.
- ▶ We have a plan for response. Your child is safe.

FCPS Safety and Security Link

<https://www.fcps.edu/resources/safety-and-transportation/safety-and-security>