

REUNIFICATION

Law enforcement has helped us establish safe marshalling areas on school grounds where we can take students for a relatively short period of time during an emergency.

If because of weather conditions or some other threat we need to move students to another location, each school has a designated Safe Site.

Listen to KFYP AM 550 Radio for information on when and how to pick up your child once the threat has been stabilized.

We have a system in place to reunite parents with their children. We would prefer that you or your designated emergency contact person pick up your student, rather than a convenient friend, neighbor or coworker. It's important that we link the child with the appropriate caring adult. Your emergency contact should be listed on your child's goldenrod student enrollment form.

The reunification site may be chaotic, so we ask for your patience. It is extremely important that we account for all children and know who is taking them home.

AFTERMATH

If school needs to be temporarily closed or relocated, listen to KFYP 550 AM Radio and visit our district web site (www.bismarckschools.org) for instructions.

Parents will naturally want to help their children cope with the disaster. We will have counselors and other Community Crisis Team members available to assist your student and family as you work through the emergency situation. We will also post resources on our district web site as soon as practical.

Thank you for your help and support in keeping all kids safe. If you have comments or suggestions, call the school district's Safety Coordinator, (701) 323-4623, or the Community Relations office, (701) 323-4091.

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INTRODUCTION

With the number of violent incidents and other crises that have occurred in schools in recent years, parents may worry about their child's safety while at school.

We know that you send your child to Bismarck Public Schools to receive a good education. But first and foremost, you want your child to be safe and protected.

At Bismarck Public Schools, we have a comprehensive district safety plan as well as individual school plans. Each school has a team that has been trained to respond to various emergencies, such as tornados, bombings, fires, intruders, etc. Many schools have also held drills with students. Teachers have partners, in case there is a substitute teacher who is unfamiliar with emergency procedures or in the event that a regular classroom teacher becomes incapacitated during an emergency.

In a school emergency, parents are an important part of the team. [How parents respond can help or hinder emergency and school personnel.](#)

Here is what you need to know as a Bismarck Public School parent:

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please observe the visitor policy at your school. Staff members do not know every parent, so stop at the office and get a visitor badge. Also, if you wish to visit a classroom, you must make a request to the principal two days before. Frequent classroom visits are discouraged to protect the learning environment and student confidentiality. To learn more, visit our Web site, www.bismarckschools.org, go to School Board, then the Policy link, and type KMR into the Search box.

We encourage you to make doctor, dental, and other appointments before or after the school day. However, if you need to take your elementary or middle school student out of school early, please come to the school office so your child can be called out of the classroom and you can sign him/her out of class. Do not go directly to the classroom and then leave the building without notifying the front office. We will assume your child is missing. For high school students, parents must call the office to give permission for the student to check out early.

The school district has formal policies regarding weapons in school, threats, harassment, etc. These policies are JGDAG, JCED, JCEE, and JCEF.

WINTER STORMS

Listen to KFYR AM 550 Radio. By 6 a.m., the school superintendent will make a decision whether to close school, start late, or delay buses.

Once school is in session, we will not close. Parents can come early to pick up their child if they feel road conditions warrant that action. Review the "General Information" section of this brochure for check-out.

DISASTERS/EMERGENCIES

Try to be patient. We know this will be extremely difficult, but we are trying to ensure your child's safety.

Do NOT come to the school. You will be stopped by safety officials because you and your vehicle may hamper rescue efforts and pose an additional threat to yourself, staff, students and/or emergency personnel.

Do NOT use a cell phone to call your child at school; you could interfere with emergency communications.

Tune first to KFYR 550 AM Radio for emergency announcements. All media will be informed and notices will be posted on the school district's web site as soon as practical:
www.bismarckschools.org