

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND SUPPORT

PAEC School Districts Response to Homeland Security Codes

The following threat response actions correlate to the School District Emergency Management System. With each code condition are listed the protective measures that have been or may be put in place by each School District in cooperation with local, state, and federal authorities. Plan designs to be flexible to accommodate the differing circumstances of various types of critical events.

Dissemination of Threat Advisory Information:

1. Following notification of a change in the Threat Condition from the Homeland Security Coordination Center, Federal Emergency Management Administration's (FEMA) Federal Operations Center will broadcast threat condition notifications over the National Warning System (NAWAS) to all fifty states, including local warning points, and will conduct a roll call after the broadcast to ensure receipt. Each state will verify receipt by their local warning points.
2. The State of Florida will disseminate threat condition advisory messages and other related strategic information to the FLDE Control Terminal. The State Department of Emergency Management will inform and involve county Emergency Management Operations as appropriate. The FDLE control Terminal will disseminate the threat advisory via a statewide FCIC message to all Law Enforcement terminals and E-mail the Northwest Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force.
3. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement Control Terminal will disseminate information to The Superintendent of Schools for that School District.
4. Following the receipt of the statewide consolidated confirmation report at the Office of Statewide Intelligence, or 30 minutes after initial dissemination by FDLE, whichever occurs first, FDLE will authorize the release of pre-developed media information appropriate for the identified threat level.
5. The Superintendent will disseminate the threat condition advisory to all departments, schools and school resource officers.
6. Each school principal or department head will be responsible for disseminating the threat advisory to its faculty, staff, students, and parents/guardians as appropriate.

<p style="text-align: center;">Low Low Risk of Terrorist Attacks (Green)</p> <p>Routine security is implemented to preclude routine criminal threats.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Update school and department crisis management plans. ✓ Coordinate emergency plans with County EOC, state and federal plans. ✓ Conduct crisis management and communications training for employees at all levels. ✓ Conduct crisis management and communications drills for employees and students at all levels. ✓ Implement visitor control procedures. ✓ Maintain current emergency communication lists. ✓ Inventory emergency supplies and equipment. ✓ Know what natural hazards are prevalent in the area and what measures you can take to protect students and staff. ✓ Disseminate emergency communications methods and resources (i.e., where to get information) to employees, parents, and community.
<p style="text-align: center;">Guarded Guarded Risk of (Blue)</p> <p>General Risk with no credible threats to specific targets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Update school and department crisis management plans. ✓ Coordinate emergency plans with County EOC, state and federal plans. ✓ Conduct crisis management and communications training for employees at all levels. ✓ Conduct crisis management and communications drills for employees and students at all levels. ✓ Implement visitor control procedures. ✓ Maintain current emergency communication lists. ✓ Inventory emergency supplies and equipment. ✓ Be familiar with local natural and technological (man made) hazards in the community. ✓ Disseminate emergency communications methods and resources (i.e., where to get information) to employees, parents, and community. ✓ Monitor local and national news for terrorist alerts.

<p style="text-align: center;">Elevated Elevated Risk of Terrorist Attacks (Yellow)</p> <p>Elevated risk of terrorist attack but a specific region of the USA or target has not been identified.</p>	<p>In addition to all previously mentioned precautions, schools are advised to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Continue normal activities, but report suspicious activities to the local law enforcement agencies. ✓ Actively review crisis response plans with program managers, principals, and building and office staffs. ✓ Reassess facility security measures. ✓ Review field trip decisions. ✓ Update employee emergency call lists and review callback process with employees. ✓ Test alternative communication capabilities. ✓ Coordinate emergency plans with other area schools. ✓ Learn what critical facilities are located in the community. ✓ Increase individual emergency preparedness through refresher training. ✓ Inventory emergency management crisis kit and replenish any supplies. Consider the need for any additional materials. ✓ Increase communication with parents and community via school web site, handouts and e-mail distribution.
<p style="text-align: center;">High High Risk of Terrorist Attacks (Orange)</p> <p>Credible intelligence indicates that there is a high risk of a local terrorist attack but a specific target has not been identified.</p>	<p>Same measures as Code Yellow:</p> <p>In addition to all previously mentioned precautions, schools are advised to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Continue normal activities, but report suspicious activities to the local law enforcement agencies. ✓ Actively review crisis response plans with program managers, principals, and building and office staffs. ✓ Reassess facility security measures. ✓ Review field trip decisions. ✓ Update employee emergency call lists and review callback process with employees. ✓ Test alternative communication capabilities. ✓ Coordinate emergency plans with other area schools. ✓ Learn what critical facilities are located in the community. ✓ Increase individual emergency preparedness through refresher training. ✓ Inventory emergency management crisis kit and replenish any supplies. Consider the need for any additional materials. ✓ Increase communication with parents and community via web site, hand outs, and e-mail distribution. Direct adults to the Red Cross website for further review of protective measures for families and businesses. (http://www.redcross.org)

<p style="text-align: center;">Severe Severe Risk of Terrorist Attacks (Red)</p> <p>A terrorist attack has occurred or credible and corroborated intelligence indicates that one is imminent. Normally, this threat condition is declared for a specific location or critical facility.</p>	<p>In addition to the measures listed above, the following measures will be instituted immediately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Designated staff members will report to the County Emergency Operations Center (upon activation of the Center) ✓ Assess threat level to determine status of school openings and closings. ✓ Address critical emergency needs under the direction of public safety officials and in accordance with school crisis plans and the School districts crisis management plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordinate parent-child reunification process, if necessary. ○ Increase building security through the school system. ○ Continue staff, parent, and community communication. ○ If schools are open, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cancel outside activities and field trips. ▪ Restrict visitor access. ▪ Enhance exterior security measures. ▪ Limit parking near building. ✓ Report any suspicious activity (i.e., persons taking photographs of critical facilities, asking detailed questions about physical security or dressed inappropriately for weather conditions.) Report incidents immediately to law enforcement. ✓ Closely monitor news reports and Emergency Alert System (EAS) radio/TV stations. ✓ Avoid passing unsubstantiated information and rumors.
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