



Laconia School District

Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate

As part of our normal school operations, we regularly practice fire drills, lockdowns, and shelter-in-place scenarios to make sure the staff and students know what to do in case of an emergency. In the past, if a lockdown was announced, students were directed to go into a corner of the room away from the main door, while the teacher would lock the door and draw any shades across the visible windows. Then the teacher and students would sit quietly until the drill was completed, and the “threat” had passed.

Given some pretty tragic events in U.S. schools over the past several years, school systems have been re-evaluating traditional safety procedures.

In the spring of 2018, the Laconia School District provided a day-long training on a new practice known as ALICE, which stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. Several of the Administrators in the District have taken additional training to become certified instructors. This training will change how we approach threat situations which in the past would have led us into a lockdown procedure.

As part of this change in practice, we will be providing age-appropriate safety procedure training for the students in our schools.

Keeping our students and staff safe is one of our top priorities, and we believe that teaching students the ALICE program will help us in that regard. We thank you for your help and assistance in keeping our schools safe.