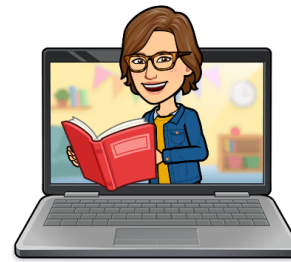


The Principal's Perspective

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Key Points

1/18/22
ALICE training for Ida
Public Schools Staff

Students must feel safe
for learning to be
possible.

Staff feel confident
with the ALICE
methodology.

Shelter in Place vs.
Lockdown

Evacuation vs.
Reunification

3/21/22
Safety Week
All classes practicing &
discussing each drill



Be a **STREAK**

S - Safety First
T - Treat Others Nicely
R - Respect Each Other
E - Everyone's Opinion
Matters
A - Always Do Your Best
K - Kindness Counts
S - Students and Staff
Build Character

Safety

Expect the unexpected; that is a day in the life for any of our staff. Yet, there are many ways we prepare for and have heightened awareness of the unexpected. Ida Public Schools has an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). A component of the EOP includes implementing & evaluating training.

A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym for:
ALERT
Lockdown
Inform
Counter and
Evacuate

ALICE is a Federally endorsed safety protocol for situations where there is an imminent threat to the school.

Ida Public Schools staff has had ALICE training in previous years. As new staff join our team, and as a way to refresh the methodology taught via ALICE, training was once again provided for staff in January.

Mrs. Sarah Ash, IPS Curriculum Coordinator, asks all participants to respond to a follow-up survey asking about the satisfaction of the training. Staff conveyed positive responses.

Message shared at the elementary:
For Pre-school - Fourth grade, it is appropriate to discuss positive character development and safety at school. It isn't appropriate to discuss gun violence and active shootings in other districts.

Positive Character Development:

- Be a STREAK
- Character Strikes

Monthly character traits recognized by teachers and recognized/awarded for positive character development

- Counselor Classroom Visits

Mrs. Wickenheiser has begun visiting classrooms implementing lessons focused on our character strikes program

Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival/Drop off

7:35am

Our staff doesn't assist with students OUTSIDE at arrival until 7:35am

7:40am

Assistants arrive INSIDE to monitor students at 7:40am

DOORS OPEN

*If you arrive prior to 7:40am **please do not pause and wait in the drop-off area.** This lane is for vehicles who pull up, immediately drop off their students, then continue on their way.

7:45am

Students can proceed to their classrooms and buses arrive

*Please do not park and wait in front of the high school fire lane.

The described flow for drop-off is important to follow. It has been approved by local authorities and is set up with potential emergencies in mind. Anyone trying a different approach creates further bottlenecks and potential safety concerns.

Attendance

Student Attendance = Student Achievement

It's the law - The state of Michigan requires every child of compulsory school age attend school daily. A student who misses 10% due to tardy or being absent is considered truant.

Studies demonstrate students who are absent 2 or more days each school month struggle academically.

Students averaging 15 days of absences a year will miss a YEAR of instruction by 12th grade.

Elementary students who average 30 days of absence a year will miss a year of instruction by the end of 6th grade.

Excused or unexcused, the missed access to classroom instruction can't be replaced.