

# Hi Wolfpack!

Little Cypress Christian Academy has established a campus emergency operations plan (EOP) to mitigate a wide range of natural and human-made threats through awareness, preparedness and collaboration.

## Our Promise

Every emergency or crisis is different, but parents can be assured that their child's safety and well-being is of utmost importance to us. We work in collaboration with our local police department and local first responders to ensure that in the event of an emergency we are prepared to execute our plan.

Emergency training and response plans are in place to make sure that students and staff know what to do in a crisis. Periodic practice drills are also given to ensure students and staff are prepared for an emergency.

## In the Event of an Emergency

During emergency situations it is imperative that parents wait for guidance provided by Little Cypress Christian Academy as student safety is at the forefront of our decision-making during any critical event. If an emergency occurs while school is in session, LCCA will take specific action to properly communicate with its stakeholders and keep our students and staff safe. This includes keeping you informed every step of the way through school messaging systems, social media, and local media outlets if necessary.

In addition to our EOP, our academy also utilizes the Standard Response Protocol (SRP), created by the Colorado-based **I Love You Guys Foundation**, to simplify the district's emergency response procedures. We believe this protocol helps foster a safe learning and working environment for all students and staff.

## The following five actions are used to respond to an emergency situation:

### Hold

Hold - Our students and staff are instructed to clear the hallways and remain in classrooms with minimal classroom distraction or interruption until "All clear" is announced.

*Examples include student, staff experiencing a medical condition in a hallway area; slippery hallway floor.*

### Secure

Secure - The building is put in a secure mode based on activity in the surrounding area, not in the school or on school grounds.

School staff will move all students and activities inside and ensure the building is locked while learning continues inside the school with minimal classroom interruption or distractions.

*Examples include law enforcement activity such as serving warrants in the neighborhood; suspect at large; report of dangerous wildlife.*

### Lockdown

Lockdown - The building is put on lockdown due to perceived danger inside or very near the building.

All students and staff are trained to get behind a locked door - Locks, Lights, Out of Sight. In the rare event that a student cannot get behind a locked door, they are trained in self-evacuation protocols.

*Examples include threat inside the school; emergency or dangerous situation very near the building.*

### Evacuate

Evacuate - Our students and staff are moved to a new or safe location due to a situation in or near the school building.

*Examples include gas leak in the school; unsafe situation near school affecting release times.*

### Shelter

Shelter - Our students and staff are instructed to take safe shelter due to a situation in or near the school.

*Examples include tornado, hail, severe thunderstorm, other natural events or hazmat.*

**\*\* Please note, for privacy reasons and to protect against those who would do harm, we do not release specific information on our emergency plan. However, parents should be aware that during crisis situations only emergency personnel will be allowed to enter a campus, so parents are advised to not come to the school during an emergency event.**