# **SUBSTITUTE HANDBOOK**

Waterloo Community School District

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Welcome to Waterloo Schools!

On behalf of the administration and faculty of the Waterloo Community Schools, I would like to welcome you to the District. As a substitute you are a vital part of our professional team. In the absence of the regular staff, a substitute has the responsibility of continuing the prescribed programs of instruction.

This handbook is designed to help you in your efforts to learn as much as you can about our schools and our students. We hope that your experiences as a substitute in the Waterloo Schools will be meaningful and productive. We are willing and available to assist you in any way possible.

Dr. Jared Smith Superintendent

## Waterloo Community School District

## **Engaged in Learning, Prepared for Success**

## MISSION

The Waterloo Schools community commits to a comprehensive system of education and support to assure that each and every student will graduate prepared for college, career, and citizenship as evidenced by continuing education, pursuing a career path, and contributing to a community.

## STRATEGIC FOCUS AND AREAS OF OBJECTIVES

#### **Student Achievement and Development**

Delivering the comprehensive curriculum through engaging instruction with a focus on measured results for student achievement.

- Increase the percentage of students proficient in reading, math, writing, and science.
- Increase percentage of students who are prepared

for college, career, and citizenship.

- Increase the graduation rate and decrease the dropout rate while maintaining rigorous standards for learning.
- Reduce the achievement gap between subgroups while accelerating learning for all students.
- Utilize technology as a tool to improve student achievement.

#### **Human Assets**

Staffing our organization with high-performing leaders, teams, and employees.

- Create standards and performance measures to rate factors of customer service.
- Maintain a workforce based on the identification of the number of employees required, best practices and the skills needed.
- Enhance and target employee recruitment to increase diversity and highly qualified personnel.
- Optimize a workforce based on competencies and
  - attitudes needed to accomplish District vision.
- Promote the alignment of talent with workforce needs.

#### **Community Engagement**

Interacting effectively with our students, staff, parents, and business communities.

- Promote and strengthen partnerships within the community, the schools, and the homes of our students to increase student achievement, wellness, and development.
- Enhance District resources through

partnerships. Communicate effectively with all stakeholders.

#### **Financial Sustainability and Operational** Excellence

Operating with fiscal integrity,

- efficiency, and effectiveness. Provide technology that meets District standards, is
- equitable, and current to ensure agility in information analysis and to achieve efficient and effective administrative systems.
- Use District priorities to establish the budget.
- Consistently implement proven security practices for students, staff, and community, both during the school day and at other times of facility usage.
- Deliver quality facilities and infrastructure.
- Implement global best practices in the management of technology outages,
- changes, and configuration.Secure additional funding sources to enhance District budget.
- Maximize equitable community access to and use of facilities.
- Control operating expenditures and capital costs.

#### **Climate for Learning**

Providing a safe, caring, engaging, and inviting environment for our students. staff, parents, and community.

- Utilize research-based strategies that support integrity and respect toward others.
- Optimize crisis prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery to assure

maximum safety and security of students, staff, and community.

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### A. Qualifications and Requirements

To work as a substitute in the Waterloo Community School District, the following items and training documentation must be current and on file in the Human Resources Office:

- 1. Application
- 2. Copy of valid, current Iowa Teaching Certificate (if applicable)
- 3. Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9)
- 4. Cleared Background and Abuse Registry Check
- 5. Physical Form (Routine Physical, TB test, Drug Screen Test)
- 6. W-4s, Direct Deposit, Centralized Employee Reporting Form

#### Licensure

Persons wanting to substitute teach in the Waterloo Community Schools must hold one of the following licenses:

- 1. Current Iowa Teaching License
- 2. Current Iowa Substitute License
- 3. Current Iowa Substitute Authorization

Information on licenses can be found at the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners. You may call for information at 515-281-3245 or go online to <u>www.iowa.gov/boee</u>.

#### **B.** Payment and Benefits

<u>Substitute Teacher Pay Rates</u>	
Daily Rate:	\$ 148.00
Minimum*:	\$ 74.00
Long-term Rate**:	\$ 173.00

\*(Substitutes will receive one-half day's pay if called to a building and not needed) \*\*(On the 11th day of the same assignment, pay is retroactive to the first day of assignment.)

#### Substitute Para Pay Rate

Hourly Rate:

\$ 13.38

#### Payroll Dates

Substitute teachers are paid on the last day of the month. Payroll checks will be sent to the substitute's home address, unless direct deposit has been arranged. Substitutes are not required to submit time sheets detailing assignments unless they are working extra hours, attending professional development or working on a day without students as requested by the building administrator. The District's Substitute System will automatically forward assignment information to the Payroll Office for processing. This makes it imperative for assignments to be properly scheduled in the Frontline system in order to be paid correctly. Assignments not correctly scheduled may result in delayed payment.

#### Payroll Deductions

The District is required to withhold Federal and State taxes along with Social Security payments from each paycheck. In addition, once qualified substitutes must contribute 5.95% of their wages to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS). Substitutes must make \$1000 in two consecutive quarters in order to qualify for IPERS. The District contributes 8.93% of the substitute's wages to their individual retirement account.

#### **Benefits**

Substitute are covered by the District's liability insurance and by Worker's Compensation.

Substitutes may be eligible to participate in all District staff development opportunities and the Wellness program.

Substitutes who are required to travel to more than one assignment per day will be reimbursed for mileage at the District approved rate (the current IRS rate).

## C. Reporting To Work

Substitutes should report to the Main Office and sign in with the building secretary or other designated employee. The building secretary or other person as designated will provide the substitute with a brief orientation of the building, directions to the appropriate classroom. The Main Office can supply you with substitute credentials to gain access to the network if needed. Please note it is possible for the building to reassign substitutes as deemed necessary to fit the needs of students.

#### D. Substitute Folder (for Teachers ONLY)

The classroom teacher will provide the following items for the substitute:

- 1. Arrival procedures
- 2. Attendance procedures
- 3. Classroom rules, consequences, and motivation techniques
- 4. Current seating charts
- 5. An up-to-date schedule
- 6. Weekly lesson plans
- 7. Assignments
- 8. Teacher associate procedures
- 9. Lunch procedures
- 10. Dismissal procedures
- 11. Map of school
- 12. Crisis procedures
- 13. Building-wide student conduct rules/procedures

#### E. Long-term Substitutes

Individuals desiring to accept long-term substitute positions are encouraged to participate in a Promethean Board Training Course. Information about this course will be available on the AESOP website.

<u>Email</u>

Persons serving in long-term substitute positions may apply for a substitute email account. Long-term substitutes must complete the Infinite Campus, Network & Email Account Application at least 2 days prior to assignment. This is located on our website Under Employees - Technology Services (<u>https://www2.waterloo.k12.ia.us/usageAgreement/</u>)

## F. Removal From Substitute Program

A substitute may be removed from the substitute program by:

- 1. Submitting a written notice to the Human Resources Office requesting removal of their name from the automated system.
- 2. Receiving three (3) or more unsatisfactory performance reports from different principals. A conference will be held with the substitute teacher prior to formal removal from the substitute system.
- 3. Being involved in a major incident in which inappropriate performance or behavior is proven. (This will result in immediate removal.)

## **II. SUBSTITUTE ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES**

The Waterloo Community School District is using an automated service that greatly simplifies and streamlines the process of finding and managing substitute jobs in this district. This service, called Frontline, utilizes both the telephone and the Internet to assist you in locating jobs in this school district. There is also a mobile app to use on your phone (app.frontlineeducation.com).The Frontline system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Frontline uses three methods to make jobs available to substitutes:

1. You can search for and accept available jobs, change personal settings, update your calendar, and personalize your available call times by visiting Aesop on the internet at **http://www.aesoponline.com**.

2. You may interact with the Aesop system by way of a toll-free, automated voice instruction menu at **1-800-942-3767**. Here, you can proactively search for jobs and manage existing jobs. We recommend calling in to check the computer recording of your name by pressing Option 5.

3. Aesop will also make phone calls to substitutes to offer jobs. The administrative office has selected the following hours as standard call times when the Aesop service may call for substitutes: 5:30 a.m. - 11:59 a.m. in the morning and 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. in the evening.

## **SIGNING IN**

Type <u>aesoponline.com</u> in your browser's address bar or go to <u>app.frontlineeducation.com</u> to download the mobile version.

The Sign In page will appear where you will enter your ID/Username and PIN/Password and click SIGN IN.

Sign In
ID or Username
PIN or Password
Sign In
I forgot my ID or username I forgot my PIN or password
Having trouble signing in?

## SEARCHING FOR AVAILABLE JOBS

You can review available jobs directly on the homepage. These potential jobs appear in green on the calendar and in list form under the "Available Jobs" tab.

To accept a job, click the Accept button beside the absence (or click Reject to remove a job from the list).

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## ACCESSING ABSENCE MANAGEMENT ON THE PHONE

In addition to web-based, system accessibility, you can also find and accept available jobs, manage personal information, change your PIN number, and more, all on the phone.

#### When You Call into Absence Management

To call, dial 1-800-942-3767. You'll be prompted to enter your ID number (followed by the # sign), then your PIN number (followed by the # sign).

When calling the Absence Management system, you can:

- Find available jobs Press 1
- Review or cancel upcoming jobs Press 2 Review or cancel a specific job Press 3 •
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- Review or change your personal information Press 4 •

When the Absence Management System Calls You

If an available job has not been filled by another substitute two days before the absence is scheduled to start, the system will automatically begin to call substitutes and try to fill the job.

Keep in mind, when the system calls you, it will call about one job at a time, even if you're eligible for other jobs. You can always call in (see "When You Call into Absence Management" section above) to hear a list of all available jobs.

When you receive a call, you can:

- Listen to available jobs Press 1 •
- Prevent Absence Management from calling again today Press 2 •
- Prevent Absence Management from ever calling again Press 9 ٠

If you are interested in the available job, Press 1. You will be asked to enter your PIN number (followed by the # sign). The Absence Management system will list the job details, and you will have the opportunity to accept or reject the job.

#### **Helpful Hints**

- 1. The work day is from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. for elementary schools and 7:30 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. for Cunningham, middle schools and high schools, unless the building principal directs otherwise.
- 2. The building principal of the school in which you are substituting is your immediate supervisor. While in the building, you are a member of the staff and responsible for adhering to the policies set forth by the Board of Education.
- 3. Report to the office of each school when you arrive. When you are through with your assignment go to the office to check out and inquire if you will be needed for the next day.
- 4. Be a good supervisor by assisting in the hall, lunch, and other supervisory duties. Following the expectations of regular staff will be much appreciated by your co- workers and administrators.
- 5. Make it a day of worthwhile experiences for all students.
- 6. Introduce yourself to students in a friendly manner.
- 7. Observe all time schedules.
- 8. Make sure ALL students are accounted for at ALL times. Notify the building office immediately if a student is unaccounted for.
- 9. Familiarize yourself with safety procedures and locate the safety procedures folder in your room.
- 10. If possible, send the students home in a happy frame of mind, but not at the expense of a good learning situation.
- 11. If you have any questions/concerns in regards to the classroom you are substituting in please address those with the building administrator before leaving that day.
- 12. When **school closes** due to inclement weather or for any other reason, it is **your** responsibility to listen to the radio/TV for school closing information.

## Job Description for Substitute Teacher

#### Purpose

The substitute teacher is responsible for creating an environment which enables each student to pursue their education as smoothly and completely as possible in the absence of his/her regular teacher.

#### Supervised by and Reports to

Building Administrator

#### Pay Rate

As established by the Board of Education

## Certification (One of the following):

- Current Iowa Teaching License
- Current Iowa Substitute License
- Current Iowa Substitute Authorization License

#### **Employment Requirements:**

- Successful background check
- Completed physical, TB, and drug screen
- Desire to continue career improvement and support student achievement
- Ability to work effectively, cooperatively, and respectfully with staff, students, parents, community members
  regardless of race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnic/national origin, religion, marital
  status, age, socio-economic status or disability

## **Essential Job Functions:**

- A substitute teacher is responsible for creating an environment which enables each student to pursue their education as smoothly and completely as possible in the absence of their regular teacher
- A substitute teacher provides instruction, encourages student's progress, and manages the learning environment
- Implement existing lesson plans in a manner that ensures the integrity of academic time and motivates students to learn and participate
- Instruct students regarding a variety of classroom topics and courses of instruction
- Follow lesson plans as required by school
- Assign reasonable tasks and homework to students in accordance with the lesson plans
- Address the various learning styles of students accordingly
- Facilitate the personal, social, and intellectual development of students
- Establish a positive learning environment and respond to the individual needs of students
- Ensure that all activities conform to district and building rules and regulations
- Demonstrate professional practices in teaching
- Effectively assess student performance and provide students with effective feedback
- Be present in the classroom and available to students when class is in session
- Assist with supervision of hallways, playgrounds, and parking lots, as requested between classes and before and after school
- Discuss any serious problems that may occur while on duty with the building administrator
- Other duties, as assigned, which are consistent with the general requirements and qualifications of position
- For long-term assignments, you may be required to develop lesson plans; create, administer, and grade tests/assignments; participate in parent-teacher conferences; and attend school related functions.

## Job Description for Substitute Paraeducator

## Purpose

The substitute paraeducator is responsible for providing instructional support and assistance to teachers to ensure students are supported as completely as possible in the absence of the regular para.

## Supervised by and Reports to

Building Administrator

## **Pay Rate**

As established by the Board of Education

## **Essential Job Functions:**

- A substitute paraeducator assists students in general and special education classes as well as assists teachers and staff as needed.
- A substitute paraeducator is responsible for assisting a teacher to provide an efficient and effective classroom and school environment for students by providing assistance with educational programming, either individually or small groups of students.
- This position is also responsible for monitoring, redirecting students to support academic progress, providing supervision of students, and performing a variety of clerical duties as assigned.
- Assists in providing instruction to individuals or small groups of students, reinforcing instruction as directed by teacher
- Monitors and assists students in prescribed learning activities
- Communicates, models, and maintains standards of responsible student behavior aligned with classroom and building goals and rules
- Provides appropriate supervision of students in classrooms, halls, lunchroom, playground and all other areas as directed
- Directs student group activities as assigned
- Completes other duties as assigned

## **EMPLOYEE DRESS CODE**

## DRESS AND PERSONAL GROOMING

The Board of Education believes that no mode of attire will be considered proper for school wear that distracts from or disrupts classroom and school decorum. Employees shall dress as professionals on a daily basis, in businesslike attire in order to set a good example for students, co-employees, and the general public. Employee dress and grooming shall not detract from the learning/educational environment of students in their classes, school programs or other school-related activities. Visible tattoos shall not be obscene, vulgar, profane, representative of drug/alcohol use or gang affiliation, or distractive to the educational environment.

It is the responsibility of principals or supervisors to assure that all employees are properly dressed. Supervisors may make exceptions to the mode of dress in specific situations where deemed appropriate. Any concern of grooming or dress judged by the principal to be inappropriate shall not be allowed. Buildings can implement a more restrictive dress code.

#### DRESS CODE REGULATION

#### District ID badges are required to be worn above the waist at all times.

#### <u>Tops</u>

- No t-shirts (unless worn under a jacket, over shirt or sweater)
- No visible cleavage
- No hooded sweatshirts
- Shirts should be tucked in unless designed to be worn out
- Shirts with school graphics must be reflective of Waterloo Community Schools
- Shirts that allow for an exposed shoulder when not worn under a jacket, overshirt or sweater must have a shoulder strap of three (3) inches or more

#### **Bottoms**

- No jeans (or denim of any kind) or cargo pants
- Skirts, shorts, capris or pants must be knee length or longer
- No leggings unless worn with a knee length dress

#### <u>Dresses</u>

- Must cover the entire back
- Must be knee length or longer
- Sleeveless dresses that allow for an exposed shoulder when not worn under a jacket, overshirt or sweater must have a shoulder strap of three (3) inches or more

#### <u>Shoes</u>

- Only closed toe shoes can be worn when school is in session
- Other shoes acceptable when school is not in session
- No flip flops at any time (defined as flat rubber or plastic footwear with a toe strap making a "Y" strap)

#### Spirit Days

- Spirit Days are only those designated by the supervisor
- District/school spirit shirts include t-shirts, sweatshirts or jackets. The graphics on the spirit days shirts must be reflective of Waterloo Community Schools
- On Spirit Days exceptions to the employee dress code are permissible

#### **Additional**

- Headwear: no hats, caps, scarves, visors or bandanas may be worn.
- During special activities such as field trips and other similar events, staff may be exempted from the regulations but are expected to adhere to standards of professional appropriateness.
- Certain areas of instruction such as physical education will be allowed to wear knee-length shorts, jogging suits and sweat suits while teaching physical education. However, coaches or others shall wear outer pants or wind suits when going into settings other than gyms and practice fields.
- Employees performing duties in lab settings or extracurricular activities shall dress in a manner befitting their profession or befitting the occasion (which may require work-type clothes, aprons or other protective items, as approved by the principal or supervisor).

Building Information										
BUILDING	PHONE	ADDRESS	PRINCIPAL	SECRETARY						
Becker	319-433-2180	1239 Sheldon St.	Brandy Welch	Barb Patchin						
Cunningham	319-433-2600	1224 Mobile St.	Neldrekka Whitaker	Lissa Meeks						
Highland	319-433-2630	812 Idaho St.	Matt Willand	Patricia Hoffa						
Irving	319-433-2800	1115 W. 5th St.	Zach Zimmerman	Margo Baugh-Harmon						
Kingsley	319-433-2210	201 Sunset Rd.	Jana Elliott	Whitney Griffith						
Kittrell	319-433-2910	1304 Oregon St.	Audrey Wallican-Green	Julie Gesie						
Kittrell Preschool	319-433-2920	1304 Oregon St.	Dr. Char Sudduth	Laneiya Galloway						
Lincoln	319-433-1990	302 Cedar Bend St.	Tamera Phillips	Delphina Harrington						
Lou Henry	319-433-2860	312 Rachael St.	Jake Youngkent	Marquita Moore						
Lowell	319-433-1900	1628 Washington St.	Carrie Heinzerling	Nina Nibbelink						
Lowell Preschool	319-433-2660	1628 Washington St.	Dr. Char Sudduth	Lazell Render						
Orange	319-433-2880	5805 Kimball Ave.	Sunni Hart	Rebekah Delagardelle						
Poyner	319-433-1534	1138 Central Ave.	Jen Willand	Catherine Snook						
Bunger	319-433-2550	157 S. Roosevelt Rd.	Zach O'Brien	Sarah Schumacher						
Carver	319-433-2500	1505 Logan Ave.	Josh Payton	DaNesha Arceneaux						
Central	319-433-2100	1350 Katoski Dr.	Ross Bauer	Lisa Heckenlively						
Hoover	319-433-2830	630 Hillcrest Rd.	Tom Harskamp	Linda Summerhays						
East	319-433-2400	214 High St.	Byron Phillips	Shannon Jensen						
Ехро	319-433-1930	1410 Independence Ave	Cary Wieland	Pam Meinert						
West	319-433-2700	425 E. Ridgeway Ave.	Andy Miehe	Sara Alberts						
Waterloo Career Center	319-433-2240	1348 Katoski Dr.	Amy Miehe	Leigh Schmidt						
Administration	319-433-1800	1516 Washington St.								

## **School Day**

Substitute should follow the daily schedule as outlined for their substitute assignment

All schools should have a staff lounge with a microwave and refrigerator. Substitutes may take their own lunch or purchase school lunches. Check with the building secretary regarding procedures to order lunch.

## **School Times**

## **Elementary and All Day Kindergarten**

8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. daily

## **Dr. Walter Cunningham School of Excellence**

7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. daily

## Middle and High School

7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Please talk to the building principal regarding dismissal times during student conferences.

## **Inclement Weather Procedures**

When the announcement is made that <u>student attendance</u> is not required, substitutes do not report for work.

On those occasions when, due to weather conditions, the Superintendent announces an early school closing, attendance for substitutes shall not be required beyond student dismissal time. For a delayed start, substitutes shall arrive 30 minutes prior to students.

## SCHOOL CLOSING

## WHEN SCHOOL CLOSES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON, AND YOU HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED TO SUBSTITUTE, IT IS <u>YOUR</u> RESPONSIBILITY TO LISTEN TO THE RADIO FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE CLOSING.

## **DISTRICT POLICIES**

Waterloo Community School District has multiple policies which were created to ensure our rules, standards, values, culture and benefits are clearly outlined. These policies provide guidance on specific topics to establish procedures to ensure compliance.

Below is a list of the different policy categories which are located on the WCSD website - <a href="https://www.waterlooschools.org/newpolicies/">https://www.waterlooschools.org/newpolicies/</a>

- 100 SCHOOL DISTRICT
- 200 BOARD OF EDUCATION
- 300 ADMINISTRATION
- 400 EMPLOYEES
- 500 STUDENTS
- 600 EDUCATION PROGRAM
- 700 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES
- 800 BUILDINGS AND SITES
- 900 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

#### NONDISCRIMINATION

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## **CRISIS PROCEDURES**

## If you are the first to know of a dangerous situation, NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATOR IMMEDIATELY. If you are unable to, call (9)911.

## **LOCKDOWN**

- If inside, remain in rooms
  - o Turn off lights
  - o Stay out of hallways
  - o Lock interior doors if possible
  - o Stay away from windows and doors
  - o Stay out of line of sight
- · If outside, move (crawl) to cover. If available, behind a car, building, etc.
- Keep phone lines open at all times unless relaying pertinent information.
- · Maintain until notified that Lockdown has ended.
- **Exterior Lockdown Only** may be ordered lock only exterior doors and stay away from windows and exterior doors.

## **EVACUATION**

- If a fire, activate fire alarm
  - o Do not attempt to fight the fire. Your first responsibility is to **evacuate students.**
- · Immediately direct students to proper exit. **DO NOT** stop for personal items.
- Be prepared for an alternate exit route due to an area of the building being impassable.
- · Specific staff should be assigned in advance to assist **students with disabilities.**
- **Take a class list or attendance book** so all students can be accounted for when class is assembled outside of the building.
- Teachers need to follow student lines to be sure everyone is out. Turn out the lights. Close classroom doors.
- Move students to designated staging area.
- Leave sidewalks clear for emergency personnel and equipment.
- **Take attendance.** Immediately notify administrator or fire fighter if any student(s) cannot be accounted for. Stay with your class. Use a messenger to communicate with administrators.
- Be prepared to walk your class to the building's *alternate site* as instructed by the administrator. Take attendance at the alternate site.
- **DO NOT** give statements to the media or permit reporters to talk to students. Refer them to the Director of School and Community Relations.
- **DO NOT** re-enter until "all clear" has been sounded.

## SHELTER IN PLACE

- The safest location depends on the situation:
  - o Severe Weather: Move to tornado shelter
  - o Hazardous substance in the air:
    - ➡ Immediately turn off air handlers.

    - Opening the door for anyone would let outside air in and pose a greater threat to those inside.
    - Listen to Emergency Radio for instructions. Dismiss only when authorized by emergency management, law enforcement, or school administration.
    - Children will be released only to a parent/guardian or other person designated in advance as the emergency pick up person.
       Do not encourage parents or anyone else to come pick up children until it is safe to be outside.
    - As phone lines could become jammed, tuning to local media would provide the best source of information.

## SERIOUS INJURY/MEDICAL EMERGENCY

- Call (9)911 Specify location and injury in the event of:
  - o Non-responsiveness of subject
  - o Apparent heart attack
  - o Severe respiratory distress
  - o Serious injury
- Contact the nurse's office
- Administer basic life support.
- Survey the scene to make sure it's safe. You cannot help by becoming a victim yourself.
- Stay with the victim; initiate first aid within scope of your abilities.
- $\cdot$  Assess the situation carefully. Do not move the victim if you suspect a neck or back injury.
- · Check for breathing.
- · Check for pulse.
- · If needed and if qualified, begin CPR.
- · If needed, use Automated External Defibrillator if available.
- Control bleeding.
- **Treat all bodily fluids as potentially infectious.** Follow safety procedures during contact and cleanup.
- Always have the first responder and witness(es) fill out the Accident Report Form regarding any incident involving an injury and send the report to the school nurse.

## MASS INJURIES/DESTRUCTION

- · Call (9)911.
- Account for students, staff, volunteers, and visitors (keep centralized master list at command center). *Report any unaccounted for students to building Incident Command.*

## **BOMB THREAT**

- If you receive a threat, NOTIFY ADMINISTRATOR/INCIDENT COMMANDER.
- If called in, complete Bomb Threat Information (kept by the phone).
- Discovery of suspicious object:
  - o **DO NOT** touch or move the object.
  - o Leave the immediate area.

## **o NOTIFY ADMINISTRATOR/INCIDENT COMMANDER.**

- o Secure area to prevent re-entry.
- Follow sweep of your area and/or evacuation protocol if ordered by Incident Commander.

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: CONTACT, INGESTION OR OVERDOSE OR CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL INCIDENT

- · CALL (9)911.
  - o **Isolate** the suspected agent and/or person if possible.
  - o **Contain** the suspected agent if possible.
  - o **Evacuate** the contaminated area; keep contaminated evacuees separate from others.
- Poison Information (Voice/TDD/TTY): (9)1-800-222-1222

## ABDUCTION/KIDNAPPING

- All persons checking out a student should sign in at the principal's office. Students will be released to go to office ONLY, not to the requesting person.
- Report any suspicious activity to an administrator immediately.

## SUCIDE/DEATH/LOSS OR THREAT IN OR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

- Any threat should be taken seriously!
- Notify administrator immediately.
- · Call (9)911 if immediate help is needed; i.e. medical emergency.
- · Contact the school nurse.
- Notify parent/guardian immediately. Determine past therapy; i.e. counselor, psychiatrist, and medical intervention needed; e.g. physiatrist, physician, home with parent.
- **DO NOT** send the student home without a responsible adult. **DO NOT** leave student alone.

## **RED AND GREEN CARDS**

In the Crisis Procedures Kit (the plastic kit that should be posted on the wall or cabinet in every classroom) are 8 1/2" X 11" **RED** and **GREEN** cards - two of each. Local emergency responders know what these cards mean.



## **GREEN CARD**

The GREEN card is to be used in the classroom in case of an emergency. Place the GREEN card in the window of your classroom door or slide it under the door. It can be found in the safety folder in your classroom.

On your first day, be sure to locate where the safety folder is located in the classroom.

The GREEN card means Go On Past Us, everything is fine.

QUICK REFERENCE

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#### **BOMB THREAT RESPONSE**

#### ACTION S

- => Record, document, and preserve threat.
- => Report threat to school principal, Police, and Central Administration. Notify staff as appropriate.
- => Assemble Incident Command Team at interior Command Center.
- => Assess the threat and determine response (Search and/or Evacuate).

#### **SEARCH**

- => Assemble and deploy Sweep Teams as per plan.
- => Teams sweep assigned areas; teachers and staff may search own areas.
- => Hang red or green cards with tape and record search results. If suspicious item found, initiate suspicious item protocol.

## **EVACUATE (IF NECESSARY)**

- => Select evacuation routes and assembly areas.
- => Notify Police and Fire Rescue and request assistance.
- => Search Teams clear routes and assembly areas.
- => Notify staff to prepare for evacuation. Teachers, staff, and students gather belongings.
- => Give evacuation order. Teachers and staff check own areas, hang red or green cards with tape and evacuate.
- => Operations-Student Leader confirms that building is empty.
- => Evacuate Incident Command Team to exterior Command Center.
- => Bring Go Kit and Health Go Kit.

## CONTINUING ACTIONS AFTER EVACUATION

- => Debrief emergency services and coordinate further actions.
- => Take attendance and report to Incident Command areas. Brief regularly.
- => As appropriate, determine Reoccupy or Dismiss action. Reoccupy when suspicious item not found or when it has been cleared by law enforcement. Dismiss in consultation with Central Administration. Notify parents, staff, and students. Implement dismissal plan by bus and documented parent sign-out. Ensure all students are dismissed.
- => Incident Commander remains on-scene until situation resolved or until relieved by another administrator.

## CONTINUING ACTIONS AFTER EVACUATION

- => DO NOT TOUCH THE ITEM.
- => Person or Search Team who found item reports it to the Incident Command Team.
- => Notify Police and Fire Rescue.
- => Secure area where item is located, but do not guard it (stay away from the item). If possible and can be done on the way out of the area, open doors and windows near item.
- => Hand red card with tape on door/entry.
- => Notify staff of the situation and direct them to prepare for evacuation.
- => Select evacuation routes and assembly areas that are away from the suspicious item.
- => Redeploy Sweep Teams to clear evacuation routes and assembly areas.
- => Meet arriving emergency responders and brief them, letting them speak with person who found item and informing them where the item is located.
- => When evacuation routes and assembly areas are cleared, conduct evacuation as per evacuation protocol.
- => Law enforcement will assume command of the scene. The Incident Command Team should remain at the scene to inform and manage evacuees, media, parents, and other as appropriate.
- => Continue with Reoccupy or Dismiss action, as appropriate.