

Friday, May 24, 2019

Dear OHS Students, Families, and Staff,

Throughout this year, our staff and students have participated in several safety drills to prepare for any threats to our school community. This preparation includes drills to practice our response to a fire, severe weather in the area and active shooting situations. These drills have all gone exceptionally well, and our community is thankful for the support of our first responders in helping us prepare, practice and reflect after each drill.

On Thursday, May 30, 2019, we will conduct our second, and last, active shooter drill of the school year. As you may know, the Oconomowoc Area School District (OASD) follows a safety protocol called ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). This training encourages students and staff to respond to an armed intruder based on the situation, rather than rely on centralized instructions in times of crisis. During the drill later this month, a simulated armed intruder will sound an air-horn to indicate their location. From there, students will have to rely on what they have heard and what they can see to apply the ALICE framework and either barricade in place or evacuate to a rally point.

The drill will take place at the end of Block B/4th hour and will occur during the Pride period. Students returning at that time from off-site locations should report to room 137 in Raccoon Alley by 10:05 a.m. Details of the drill are outlined below.

- Classes will watch a video that reviews the ALICE framework and outlines the procedures for the drill. That video is available by [clicking here](#).
- Students will hear the air-horn, and then they will need to decide whether to evacuate or barricade.
- Part of the training may involve the movement of students and staff to school-designated rally points. These locations are the identified areas for them to meet in the case of a school emergency. Evacuation to a safe area away from our school building ensures that students and staff are out of harm's way.
- Classes will then debrief on the experience and fill out a self-reflection form.

Finally, our goal in conducting a drill this late in the school year is to emphasize that these skills can be applied in any situation outside the school day. The reality is that we all must be aware of our surroundings and remember to apply the principles of ALICE if we ever encounter an emergency.

As always, please feel free to contact me at CurtisJ@oasd.org with any questions.

Thank you,

Jason