

# LOCKDOWN (aka Active Shooter) DRILL POLICY

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## LOCKDOWN (aka Active Shooter) DRILL DEFINITION:

- "Lockdown (aka Active shooter) drill" means an emergency preparedness drill designed to teach students, teachers, school personnel, and staff how to respond in the event of an armed intruder on campus or an armed assailant in the immediate vicinity of the school.
- An active shooter drill is **NOT** an active shooter **simulation**, nor may an active shooter drill include any **sensorial components, activities, or elements which mimic a real-life shooting**.
- **LJA WILL NOT PERFORM ANY ACTIVE SHOOTER SIMULATIONS.**

## DRILL REQUIREMENTS

- Any lockdown drill conducted by LJA will be accessible, developmentally and age appropriate and include using appropriate safety language and vocabulary. It will be culturally aware, trauma-informed and inclusive of accommodations for students with mobility restrictions, sensory needs, developmental or physical disabilities, mental health needs, and auditory or visual limitations.
- LJA will include debrief time for teachers and scholars.
- Lockdown drills will not be conducted in combination with any other type of emergency preparedness drill.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICE / OPT OUT

- LJA will announce the lockdown drill training prior to conducting it and inform each scholar's parent(s) or guardian(s) about the drill and their right to opt their scholar out of participating.
  - Opting out of the drill will not negatively impact the students attendance record or restrict them from participating in other LJA activities.
- Should a scholar be opted out of the lockdown drill they will be provided alternative safety education.
  - **NOTE: MDE will make alternative safety education available for opted out students.**

## VIOLENCE PREVENTION TRAINING

- LJA must annually provide students at least one hour or class period of evidence-based violence prevention training (in-person, virtually, or digitally).
- Scholars will have the opportunity to give feedback and insights into this training.
  - **NOTE: Commissioners of Public Safety & Education will develop a list of evidence-based training by July 1, 2024.**

## BOARD REQUIREMENTS

- After a lockdown drill has been conducted, LJA Leadership must inform the school board and report on the effectiveness of the drill and any effects on staff or scholars' well-being, positive or negative. The board will use the next regularly scheduled meeting time to evaluate this information.