



South Park School District

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to assure you of our concern for the safety and welfare of all students in the South Park School District. The District's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) provides for response actions to be taken in all types of emergencies; therefore, several types of protective responses are planned as follows:

<u>Response</u>	<u>Condition</u>
➤ Building evacuation	Evacuation to a safe area on the school grounds in case of a fire or isolated building issue.
➤ Delayed opening, cancellation of classes, early or delayed	These actions are normally taken in case of a winter storm. Cancellation of classes may be necessary in case of disruption of utility services.
➤ In-place sheltering	Sudden occurrences such as tornadoes and hazardous material accidents may dictate taking cover in place as the best immediate response.
➤ Evacuation	Total evacuation may become necessary if the school is in an endangered area. Hazardous material accidents and major flooding, are examples.

Additionally, if your residence should be in an endangered area and the school is not, your children will be cared for in their regular school until the danger has passed or you (or a person you authorized) comes to the school to regain custody. If a total evacuation becomes necessary, your children will be bused to another facility, according to the district's emergency operations plan. That school is/may be designated by the Allegheny County Emergency Management Agency as the reception center to which the general public evacuates, should the latter be necessary. In either case, you will be kept informed of the location where you can regain custody of your children through local radio, television announcements and our School Messenger system.

Parents or others authorized to pick up a student will be required to provide identification at the pick-up point and sign a release prior to the release of a student to their custody. Identification may consist of a driver's license, social security card, voter registration card, etc.

In the event your child has a personal means of transportation (automobile) at school during a declared emergency and ordered evacuation, your consent is also required before the child will be released and authorized to evacuate in his/her own mode of transportation.



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I specifically urge that you not telephone schools or attempt to make different arrangements. That will only create confusion and divert staff and faculty members from their assigned emergency duties.

Emergency conditions may also require that an individual school, or even the entire School District, will have to close for a period of time. In that event, students may be required to complete daily classroom assignments while at home or another living arrangement. You will be informed on this requirement through School Messenger and TV stations. In addition, you will be informed on the method by which daily class assignments are delivered and completed assignments are returned to teachers.

In case of an emergency or an evacuation, all communication will be delivered by School Messenger and TV stations.

In order to ensure the safety of the children of our District and ensure the continuity of their education, I urgently request the cooperation of all parents.

Sincerely,



Wayne P. Gdovic
Superintendent of Schools
South Park School District