



# DOTHAN CITY SCHOOLS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

## HEIGHTENED AWARENESS

(Get Your Attention)

This means a potential MAY exist for an unusual situation and all parties should have heightened awareness to react as needed.

- Follow the school's communication plan for information.
- Limit movement to and from your classroom.
- Be accountable for all students.
- Be on the lookout for unusual behavior both in and outside of the school.
- Check exterior doors to make sure they are secure.

## SECURE YOUR AREA RESPONSIBILITY

(Classroom, hallway, etc.)

Specific incident within your area of responsibility. (Medical, threat to self, or others)

- Execute Alert Methods
- Secure all people within your immediate area (May require you to move to a more secure area.)
- Lock or secure doors
- Monitor/use communication devices
- Release by intercom or other personal contact

## SECURE PERIMETER

(On Alert)

A potential threat or danger does exist within the community/neighborhood and all parties should be aware to react as needed.

- Execute Alert Methods
- Secure all people within the building
- Lock external doors
- Cover Windows
- Stay in secure area within the building until further notice from administration or law enforcement.
- Monitor/use communication devices
- Leave unsecure areas such as fields, gym, playground, or library to a secure area.
- Continue with instruction
- Release via intercom

## LOCKDOWN

(Immediate Threat)

Recognition of Danger, Take immediate action using the safest and best option for survival.

- Execute Alert Methods
- Secure yourself and others by assessing and using available information to decide if you should: HIDE (Secure and/or Barricade), RUN (Intelligent Escape), or FIGHT (Defend and Protect).

**HIDE:** (Secure and/or Barricade)  
Lock doors; Lights off; Barricade entry; Quiet; Stay in place.

**RUN:** (Informed Escape)  
Evacuate to a safer location; Remain with your group; Call 911 when safe; Follow HIDE protocol.

**FIGHT:** (Defend and Protect)  
As a matter of survival, engage the intruder by any means necessary.

- Monitor/use communication devices
- Release only by administration or law enforcement