

A.L.I.C.E Students – FAQ

Q. How will the School Officers respond in an ALICE situation?

A. The officers will follow police protocol when they are informed of an active intruder.

Q. May I call my parents once I get to safety?

A. Yes, please call your parents once you get to a safe place. You can also call 911 to let them know where you are.

Q. Can we throw things if there is an intruder in our classroom?

A. Your teacher might choose to throw things if an intruder enters the classroom. You should follow the directions of your teacher (or adult in the room) and be prepared to distract the intruder, evacuate the room, or move furniture around to create a barricade.

Q. Can we break a window to get out?

A. Your teacher might choose to use the window as a way to evacuate if the door is not an option. You should follow the directions of your teacher or adult in the room. They will know how to evacuate, but may ask for your help. Carefully clear away glass before going out the window, and then RUN to safety.

Q. How will I reunite with my family?

A. The district will identify a place for you to be reunited with your family. The information about where to reunite with your family will be sent out in many ways, including a message from school, through social media posts and officer's police cars. The school will work together with law enforcement to decide where parents can pick up students.

Q. Do substitutes know what to do?

A. Substitutes will receive training, but they may need reminders from students about the closest exit or available materials in the room.

Q. Are we allowed to evacuate without a teacher?

A. If there is no teacher around you, and you can safely evacuate, you can do so. Remember to run to the closest exit and do not return to the building. Keep running until you reach a safe place or until you locate a safe adult.

Q. What if someone has an injury or other reason which prevents them from evacuating?

A. If someone is unable to evacuate, lock the classroom and barricade the door if possible. If you can help the person evacuate, you can do that as well.

Q. What if there is no PA Announcement of the intruder?

A. There may not be an announcement, or you may not be able to hear an announcement. There may be other things that you hear that alert you or your teacher to begin to implement ALICE. Your teacher has been trained in what to do in the event an ALICE procedure is called.

Q. Will we be able to come back and get our belongings from school?

A. The police will notify the school district when it is safe to return to the building. It may not be

immediate. Do not re-enter the school until you have been alerted that it is safe.

Q. Does it matter if the intruder hears the announcement?

A. It does not matter if the intruder hears the announcement. The National ALICE Training organization tells us that it is distracting to the intruder to be hearing all of the announcements and that is a good thing.

Q. Can we run to our house?

A. Yes, you can run to your house as long as it is in the direction you are evacuating. Remember to always run AWAY from the sound of the threat. Contact your parents and/or the police to let them know where you are once you have reached a safe place.

Q. What if there is more than one intruder?

A. The same ALICE options apply.

Q. What will the office staff do?

A. The office staff will also implement ALICE. They will use any of their options which could include lockdown, barricading, or evacuating the office.

Q. What if the intruder comes during a passing period or at the beginning or end of the day?

A. If the intruder comes into the school during a time when students are moving around the school, whether at arrival/dismissal or during a passing period, the same ALICE options apply. If you can, run into a classroom, lockdown, and barricade. If you can run out a nearby exit, you can do that too.

Q. What if the intruder is a student and knows about the ALICE Procedure?

A. Even if the intruder knows we follow ALICE, they still will not know how everyone will react. The way the protocol is designed; staff (and students) will be making split-second decisions as to which option they feel is the best to implement based on the information provided.

Q. If a student falls while running and gets hurt, should we help them or keep running?

A. Certainly see if you and maybe another student or the staff can quickly help them, then continue to run to a safe location. If the other student was unable to run with you, then once you reach safety, alert a first responder (911) of where the hurt student is so that they can go help the student.

Q. What if we end up in the hallway and all the classroom doors are locked?

A. Evacuation is a very good option. Find the closest exit and run from the building as soon and as quickly as possible. Run until you can no longer see the building. When you reach safety, flag down a first responder, or call 911 or your parents to let them know where you are.

Q. Some of the classroom doors open out - how will a barricade help?

A. Barricading puts things between you and the intruder. The barricade can also work on ways to hold the door shut or prevent it from opening.

Q. Why can't we evacuate with our cars?

A. In a time of panic, it might seem like a good idea to leave in a car. It is not appropriate to leave in a vehicle as emergency personnel and other supporting agencies will quickly be arriving on the scene.

Q. How do police officers know when I am running that I am not the intruder?

A. Students have been instructed to leave the building with hands in the air so that police know they are not the intruder.

Q. What if I am outside with my class?

A. Do not go back into the building. Follow your teacher's directions, which will likely include running away from the threat until you get to safety.