

ALICE Drill Student Script 021919

A message from the Mr. Torpey:

Good Morning Castro Valley High School,

Today we are going to practice our ALICE Procedures. ALICE Is the procedure we would use as a school in the most severe circumstances such as having a violent intruder on campus. ALICE is an acronym which stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. These are the most important options we would have but they are not listed in a particular order.

Alert is the first sign of danger. It could be yelling, screaming or the sounds of gunshot. Lockdown is what we would do if evacuating safely is not an option, this often involves barricading the room. Inform is the ensuring that real-time and accurate information is being shared with staff and students during an incident allowing us to make the best decision possible. Evacuate is usually the best and safest response, especially with a large campus like ours. If there was a violent intruder on the other side of campus from your location, you would evacuate in the opposite location to a nearby elementary school.

The concept of a violent intruder is a frightening thought and can create anxiety for all of us. The chances of such an event are slim, but we do need to be prepared. Preparation requires training and practice. To better secure our safety, we need to face the possibility.

But practicing our ALICE procedures is not the only way to work to be safe. Probably the most effective practice is reporting safety issues or concerns to an adult. If you see something, say something. If you hear something, say something. If you are aware of a threat to student safety, be it a dangerous social media post or a weapon on campus, tell an adult. This also counts for the drugs, drug use, vaping or alcohol. While these endanger the person using them and those around them, drugs and alcohol create other safety issues on campus and compromise all of us. Reporting safety issues can also include pranks, which can result in students getting hurt. Being an unsafe driver or pedestrian is also dangerous. Last but not least, unhealthy and dangerous social media posts cause harm everyday. Please report anything that you think is unsafe. We would rather investigate and find that there is no threat than not investigate and find that we missed one. When you are in the community or in the neighborhoods around our school, be good neighbors. Students can report a safety concern to any adult staff member on campus. Anyone can use the anonymous CVUSD Tip Line: 510-340-9763

Tomorrow during Trojan Time, you will return to your 3rd Period class to learn more about ALICE and debrief your experience and thoughts.

We are now going to begin the Drill. Please remember, this is a Drill. For the purpose of the Drill, our scenario is a violent intruder in the Main Office.