

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## Safety and Security

### Loveland High School

#### Secure the Perimeter

**Can we leave our classrooms (to go to the bathroom, library, passing period) during Secure the Perimeter?**

Yes, everything runs like normal (“business as usual”) inside of the building during Secure the Perimeter. School personnel may move you to a different location to hang out if you are on a off period in certain situations.

**What if you’re outside?**

If you are outside during a secure the perimeter, you will need to come inside through the main entrances, unless instructed otherwise.

**What if we are in the weight room? How do we go to our next class?**

Depending on why we are on secure the perimeter, you may have to stay in the weight room for your next period OR you may be escorted into the main building through a direct route. Listen for directions from your teacher or an announcement.

**Can I leave during a secure the perimeter?**

Sometimes we will be on a modified Secure the Perimeter where we will let students and visitors in and out of the main entrances – you may need to show your ID and be ready to answer questions. Other times we may not let anyone (adults or students) in or out of the building regardless if you have an off-block. Please listen for instructions from either your teacher or an announcement.

**What if we are in a secure the perimeter during lunch? Can I still leave to go to lunch?**

Depending on the situation you may have to stay in the building. Please listen for instructions from either your teacher or an announcement. Law enforcement usually determines what the school should do in a secure the perimeter. If you decide to just leave, you may be putting yourself and others at risk to dangers outside of the building.

**I have an appointment and need to leave. Can I leave during a Secure the Perimeter?** Depending on the situation you may have to stay in the building.. Law enforcement usually determines what the school should do in a secure

the perimeter. If you decide to just leave, you may be putting yourself and others at risk to dangers outside of the building. Please listen for instructions from either your teacher or an announcement

**My parents want to pick me up during Secure the Perimeter, can they?** Depending on the situation you may have to stay in the building.. Law enforcement usually determines what the school should do in a secure the perimeter. Sometimes parents will be allowed to pick up students or come into the building. Sometimes they will not. Please listen for instructions from either your teacher or an announcement.

**What if I choose to leave when asked not to?**

Please know that you will most likely be addressed by law enforcement and school officials.

## Lockdown

**What is someone or a familiar voice says all clear over the intercom? Is it ok to go back to normal even if we know it is a drill?** Stay in lockdown (lock doors, lights out, out of sight). You will be released only when someone unlocks your door and lets you out regardless if it is a drill.

**What if I am on an off-block or not in a classroom when a lockdown occurs?** You should try to find a room close to you and lockdown. If you cannot get into a room check your surroundings. Exiting the building may be the safest option, otherwise find the best hiding spot possible and take cover.

**Some staff and students are not close to their classrooms when a Lockdown is called.**

Please Lockdown where you are, leave the building, or find a hiding spot and take cover, DO NOT go back to your classroom.

**During the last LOCKDOWN there were some classrooms that were not completely silent, some were even loud.** Please make sure your classrooms are quiet, noise will draw attention. Please do not put yourself and others in danger because you cannot take things seriously.

**What if the fire alarms go off when we are in Lockdown?**

Remain in lockdown, sometimes perpetrators will pull the alarms as a distraction. Police and the Fire personnel will already be on site and will give directives if needed.

**Do we leave if the bells rings for passing period... does that mean it's over?** No it is not over, please remain in lockdown until someone physically releases you.

**What if the shooter is pinned down by police or is in a hostage situation in a specific area and the rest of the school has an opportunity to evacuate? How would that process work?** The police/SWAT will facilitate this if it is

appropriate and necessary. Please remain in lockdown until one of those agencies gives you directions on evacuation.

**What if you're outside?**

If you are outside during a lockdown you need to leave and find somewhere safe to be. **DO NOT COME INSIDE THE BUILDING.**

**What if there is no teacher in our classroom?**

Close the door, turn off the lights, and get out of sight. If the door is unlocked, push desks in front of the door to create a barrier.

**Shooter in the room?**

In a situation where a shooter is in the room, there is no correct answer to this, if you can get out of the room, do so and continue until you are out of the building. If you cannot get out of the room, hide and block yourself as best as possible. If needed, fight.

**What if I am in the bathroom?**

Hide in the stalls, if you are close to an exit (outside) and feel it is safe, leave. Be quiet.

**What if I am on an off-block or not in a classroom when a lockdown occurs?**

You should try to find a room close to you and lockdown. If you cannot get into a room check your surroundings. Exiting the building may be the safest option, otherwise find the best hiding spot possible and take cover.

**Can I just leave if a lockdown is called?**

Only if it is the best option. If you are safe, locked in a room then leaving will put you and others in danger. The most important thing is to listen to directives from law enforcement and your teachers. The goal is to keep you alive and safe. If you are already outside do not come back inside. Stay away from the building.

**Can I text or call my parent/guardian? Can they come get me?**

Yes to texting.... **No to calling.** (Calling is too loud and you need to stay quiet) Please know that the more time you spend on the phone, the more the network will be tied up which can slow down any progress for law enforcement. There are over 1600 people inside the building—phone calls and texts may block and interfere with communications for emergency personnel.

Also know the light emitting from your phone for texting or taking selfies can attract attention and could put you and everyone else in danger. Please limit your phone use to just texting family know you are ok. The district will send information out to your families and the community on what is going on at the school. **Please do not spend**

time texting your peers or posting on social media. Not only does this block the network, but also it causes false information to start floating around which is not helpful to police and only causes anxiety for everyone.

We will NOT release you to your parents until the AFTER the Lockdown has been lifted. Parents WILL NOT be able to enter the school to pick you up.

**\*\* Please keep in mind\*\*** Statistically, an armed attacker will only spend about 3 seconds trying to get into a room. If the door is locked, dark, and the room is quiet the attacker will move on. Do what you can to keep yourself and others safe by not using your phone.

#### **Can't a shooter shoot through the glass?**

Yes, but it would take multiple shots to get through. That is why it is important for students to be out of sight. Shooters are trying move quickly and will not spend large amounts of time trying to get into a room, especially if they do not know if people are inside. **\*\* Please keep in mind\*\*** Statistically, an armed attacker will only spend about 3 seconds trying to get into a room. If the door is locked, dark, and the room is quiet the attacker will move on.

#### **How long will it take before the cops show up?**

It usually take between 2-3 minutes for the police to show up.

#### **Who will release us?**

Lockdown: Law Enforcement

Secure the Perimeter: Administration after they have been informed by law enforcement that all is clear.

Evacuation/Reunification: Parents will be able to pick up students from a designated area - you will need to be picked up and signed out.

#### **What happens in a Secure the Perimeter during passing period?**

Business as usual. You will still go to your next class unless otherwise directed.

#### **Can we leave the school during a Secure the Perimeter?**

No, please stay in the building until we can confirm that whatever is dangerous outside is no longer a danger. Listen for instruction or directives in case we have different instructions from law enforcement. Sometimes we are on a "modified" secure the perimeter where it is ok for you to leave through designated exits.

#### **My parents said I could leave if we are in lockdown. Can I?**

No, sorry. You would be endangering your life and the lives of others if you try to leave while we are in lockdown. When assessing your personal safety during a Lockdown, situations may arise where you have to make a decision. If

leaving would endanger yourself or others (which in most cases it would) you may NOT leave. Your location when a Lockdown is called may change how you respond.

**What is the point of putting all the students in one place? If someone gets into the classroom and they have a gun, then all the kids are sitting right there for the shooter to hit.**

The safest option is to lock down wherever you are, not to go to one place. All teachers lock their doors at all times, so the likeliness of a shooter getting into a room if the door is locked is minimal.

**Why not arm the teachers and teach them how to defend the children?**

Arming teachers is not something we do in this district

## Evacuation

**What if I am in the bathroom?**

Exit the restroom and exit the building. Check in with the nearest adult so they can report your whereabouts to school officials.

## Assembly

**Im 18, can I just leave and go home?**

Unfortunately no, we need to keep track of everyone in an emergency situation.

**I live close by and usually walk home, can I just leave?**

Unfortunately no, we need to keep track of everyone in an emergency situation.

## General Safety

**What do I do if I have suspicion or see someone with a weapon? Who should I report to?**

If you have a cellphone call 911, report to the nearest adult. If you have access to a school phone (landline) dial 0 and report what you have seen.

**How can I anonymously report something I heard?**

Safe2Tell -- <http://safe2tellco.org/>, 1-877-542-7233 (SAFE), or download the mobile app. Remember "Telling" is not "Snitching"... Telling saves lives. Think there's a chance it won't happen? NEVER LET "A CHANCE" TAKE A LIFE!

**How are the safety protocols different from before (elementary school, middle school, years past)?**

They are not really different, but it is important to review them every year.

**I am just curious as to how the "retractable barrier" is going to prevent an intruder from not just going under or around them.**

The barrier is not meant to keep an intruder from doing anything. The barrier is meant to direct traffic of visitors to check-in with school personnel so that we know who is inside of our building at all times.

**Why do we (all TSD HS students) have to wear ID's now?**

To quickly identify who is in our building. Seeing our colored lanyard and LHS ID will help to ensure that unauthorized people are not in our school.

**What if I do not wear my ID or lose my ID?**

You will be given a temporary ID that you will check out for the day. If you have lost yours or never got one, we will print an ID for you. Please see a campus monitor

**Why do we have to wear a specific colored lanyard? Why can't I wear my own lanyard?**

Being able to identify students immediately will help to get students to the correct spots and keep them safe and on track. \*\*We will be sending out a survey to the LHS community to gather feedback about the lanyards and ID's after the first semester. There is always room for improvement. \*\*

## Communication

**Will my parents be notified from the school?**

The district will send out communications about what is happening.

**Will we know what is going on during a lockdown?**

You will probably not know anything until the lockdown is lifted. EVERYONE is on lockdown and are waiting for law enforcement to work through the building. Your teachers and administration are in the same boat as you are..... Social media and news outlets will not have accurate information on the situation so please stay OFF your phones.

