

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN AWARENESS

For ADVANTAGE ACADEMY STAKEHOLDERS

School Stakeholders and Community Members

Advantage Academy has a complete and detailed **Emergency Response Plan (ERP)** that has been established and approved by the school's Board of Directors. The ERP incorporates emergency responses and procedures that address current emergency situations in today's schools. The Emergency Response Plan provides uniform procedures that are used throughout the school district and have been communicated to local emergency services and law enforcement agencies.

Campus and District personnel receive ongoing Emergency Response Plan training. Also, key elements of the emergency procedures will be practiced on a regular basis with students and staff and are reviewed and evaluated for improvement by the school's ERP Team Leaders after each exercise. Advantage Academy may also be directed to initiate emergency procedures under the authority of local emergency and law enforcement agencies.

Advantage Academy is aware that school stakeholders are anxious about the safety of the community's children and want to know what is happening as quickly as possible. The School will provide emergency information using the *School Messenger* (notification system) and as soon as information is available. During any school emergency, the safety and security of our students and staff are of paramount importance.

To assist the school during an actual emergency and to avoid jeopardizing the safety of students and staff; school stakeholders and community members must adhere to the following:

- **be patient**
- **wait in the designated waiting/reunification location**
- **never enter any school/campus building or attempt to remove a child or children from the campus until the emergency has passed and students are officially released by the ERP Team Leaders or local emergency officials.**
- **comply with all directives given by local emergency personnel, the campus principal and designated campus Emergency Response Team members**
- **do not call the campus front office. Contact your local police department or appropriate emergency services for information.**

Please contact the school to sign up for mobile school messaging in able to receive official information and instructions directly from the school.

Please be aware that if the school is in lockout or lockdown, it does not necessarily mean that an emergency has occurred on campus. Many times, an incident in the surrounding community necessitates a campus lockout or lockdown.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this sensitive area and we wish each of you a safe and productive school year.