

WEST ALLEGHENY PARENT SAFETY INFORMATION EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

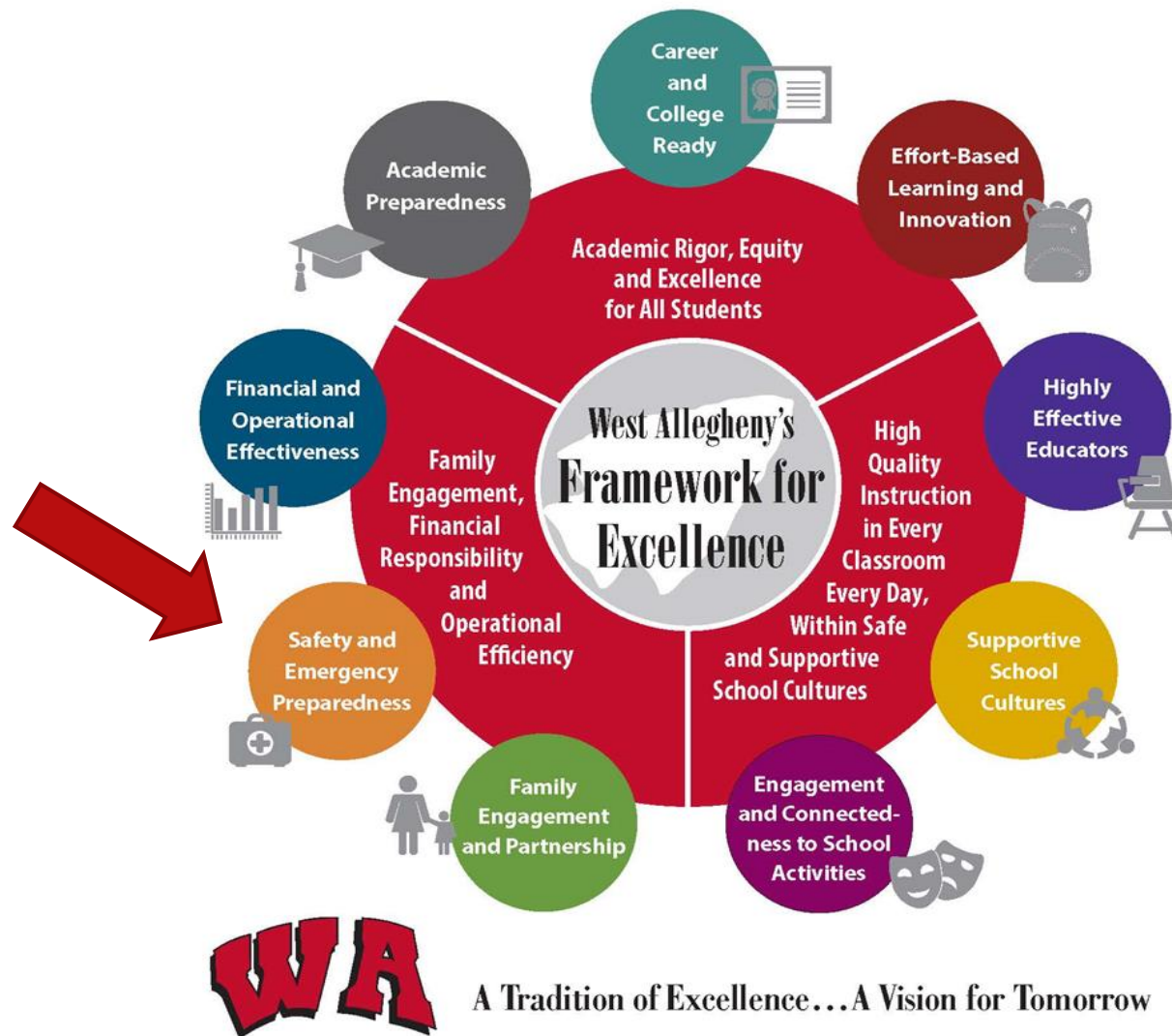
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OBJECTIVES

- PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF OUR SAFETY AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND PREPAREDNESS
- FAMILIARIZE YOU WITH THE ALICE MODEL
- UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU CAN DO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH US
- ASK QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ABOUT OUR SAFETY MEASURES



GOAL 8: Safety and Emergency

Preparedness: The District will prepare all students and staff for emergency situations and ensure all facilities are well-maintained and equipped with enhanced security measures.

Focus 3d: Ensure effectiveness of Crisis-Safety Response and Emergency Operations Plan(G8)

Critical Actions 3d:

1. Continue to train all staff on ALICE program and Stop the Bleed
2. Continue to provide comprehensive training with unit captains including simulations and monthly meetings
3. Implement Navigate, a safety and emergency operations management system
4. Finalize the District Emergency Operations Plan
5. Implement monthly and annual emergency drill schedule specific to each school

SCHOOL SAFETY HAS BEEN A PRIORITY

POST SANDY HOOK 2013

- PANIC ALARMS INSTALLED IN MAIN OFFICES TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY POLICE
- INTERCOM SYSTEM TO ID VISITORS, DOORS UNLOCKED REMOTELY, AND A CAPTURED VESTIBULE FOR VISITORS TO WAIT UNTIL ACCESS IS GRANTED
- LAW ENFORCEMENT ADDED EXTERIOR PERIMETER CHECKS AND FREQUENT VISITS TO SCHOOL
- EXTERIOR KEY LOCKS REMOVED AND ID CARD READERS ADDED
- CAMERA SYSTEM UPGRADED AT MS AND HS

Highly Effective Partnership with Law Enforcement

**Fall
2015**

- SRO and DARE Program
- Unit Captains
- District Safety Committee and School Safety Committees

**Spring
2016**

- Established Safe & Supportive Schools Committee
- Specialized Unit Captain Training
- Regular School Safety Walks

**Fall
2016**

- Reunification
- Lockdown and Evacuation Drills
- **ALICE** Training ALL Staff
- Launched PBIS WAMS & WES

Rachel's Challenge Launch

**Spring
2017**

- 2nd Safe Schools Grant **RAPTOR**
- Upgraded and Added Security Cameras
- NFPD/FPD Networked to WASD Camera System

**Fall
2017**

- Stop the Bleed Training
- Video/Audio Camera System on Buses
- Increased Mental Health On-site Services

**Spring
2018**

- WAHS Student Safety Presentations
- 3rd Safe Schools Grant **NAVIGATE**
- Mental Health Training All Staff

WAHS Stand Together & Activity Period Launch

5th Safest School District in Allegheny County

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#33 Safest School District in PA

C.A.R.E

C Connections &
Culture

A Awareness

R Relationships

E Extra Support

Preventive C.A.R.E. Measures

West Allegheny

A+ Health & Safety

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Emergency S.M.A.R.T. Measures

S.M.A.R.T

S Security

M Monitor

A ALICE

R Responsiveness

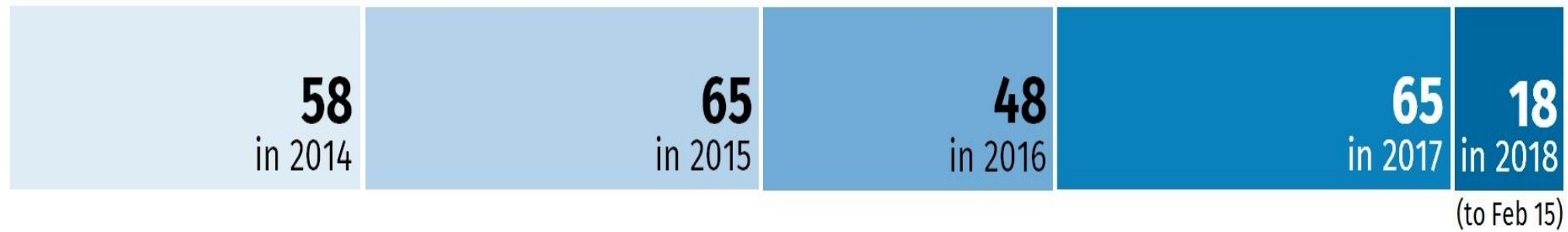
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There Has Been An Average Of ‘One School Shooting Per Week’ Since 2013



School shootings in the United States

Since 2014 there have been at least **254** school shootings reported in the US...



...an average of **one every six days**

Source: Everytown for Gun Safety, compiled from press reports.

Figures are for any time a firearm discharges a live round inside a school building, campus or grounds.

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SCHOOL SHOOTINGS SINCE JAN. 1, 2018



Preparation for danger is nothing new. We have always practiced being prepared for emergencies

- Fire Drills
- Severe Weather Drills
- Other Emergency Drills

A.L.I.C.E.

Common Sense, just not Common Knowledge

Alert
Lockdown
Inform
Counter
Evacuate

ALICE is **NOT** a linear, progressive response.



= ALERT

- PA announcement
- Gunfire, screaming, loud noises
- Phone call/text
- May SEE the aggressor



= Lockdown

- Traditional lockdown procedure PLUS
 - Barricade the door
 - Spread out within the room
 - Do not huddle
 - Look for alternate escape routes (another door/window)
 - Do NOT open the door for anyone.
 - Dial 911 when it is safe to do so



Use personal and environmental items to secure the door.



Use items to keep the door from opening and place large items in front of the door as obstacles.





= Inform

Pass on real time information

- A Continuation of ALERT
- Call 911 or text others as soon as safe to do so
- Who, what, where, when, how

Real time information may help

- Know when or if it is safe to switch responses
- Choose the safest evacuation route
- Stay calmer or less anxious

How to COUNTER

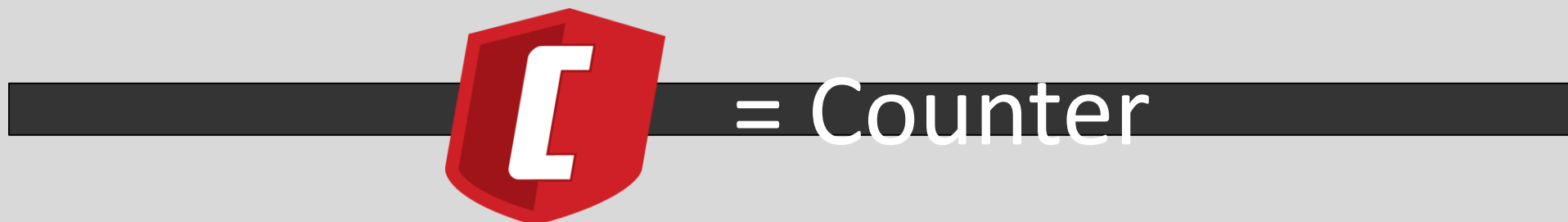


= Counter

- **Interrupt process** of shooting accurately:

- Create Chaos
- Shout, Yell, Scream
- Throw Things
- Sprays
- Move, Move, Move
- Create Barriers
- Divert Attention

What is COUNTER?



It is **NOT** ...

- Fighting

It is...

- Taking back Control
- Last Resort
- Personal Choice



=Evacuate

The preferred response

- Occupants will have the authority to leave the building when they deem appropriate
- Removes as many potential targets as possible
- Evacuate to a pre-determined rally point
- Removes need for concerned others to come to scene



=Evacuate

The preferred response

- **Law enforcement feels this is the best option**
will not be like a traditional fire drill
- May be a window, a door that nobody uses, connector doors
- **ALICE Evacuation should be faster than a fire drill**
- Permission to run and zig-zag down hallway to survive
- Run to the rally point, palms raised running as fast as you can

WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SAFETY

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

- ✓ SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING; HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING (REPORT IT)
- ✓ BE VIGILANT AND AWARE OF WHAT YOUR CHILD IS BRINGING TO SCHOOL AND/OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- ✓ SECURE WEAPONS IN THE HOME, CHECK THEM DAILY
- ✓ MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S SOCIAL MEDIA HABITS
- ✓ TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THESE ISSUES
- ✓ ASSURE THEM THE DISTRICT HAS COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLANS AND OPERATIONS

STUDENTS

- ✓ SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING; HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING
- ✓ DO NOT PROP OPEN DOORS
- ✓ DO NOT OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO GET INSIDE
- ✓ RESPECT AND BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS
- ✓ BE INCLUSIVE NOT EXCLUSIVE; DO NOT ISOLATE PEERS
- ✓ REPORT SAFETY CONCERNS IMMEDIATELY TO STAFF / OFFICE / PRINCIPAL /SRO
- ✓ DO NOT SPREAD RUMORS; SAY SOMETHING

INCIDENT RESPONSE

RESPONSE PROTOCOLS

- ✓ **LOCK DOWN**
- ✓ **LOCK IN**
- ✓ **EVACUATION**
- ✓ **SHELTER IN PLACE**

COMMUNICATIONS

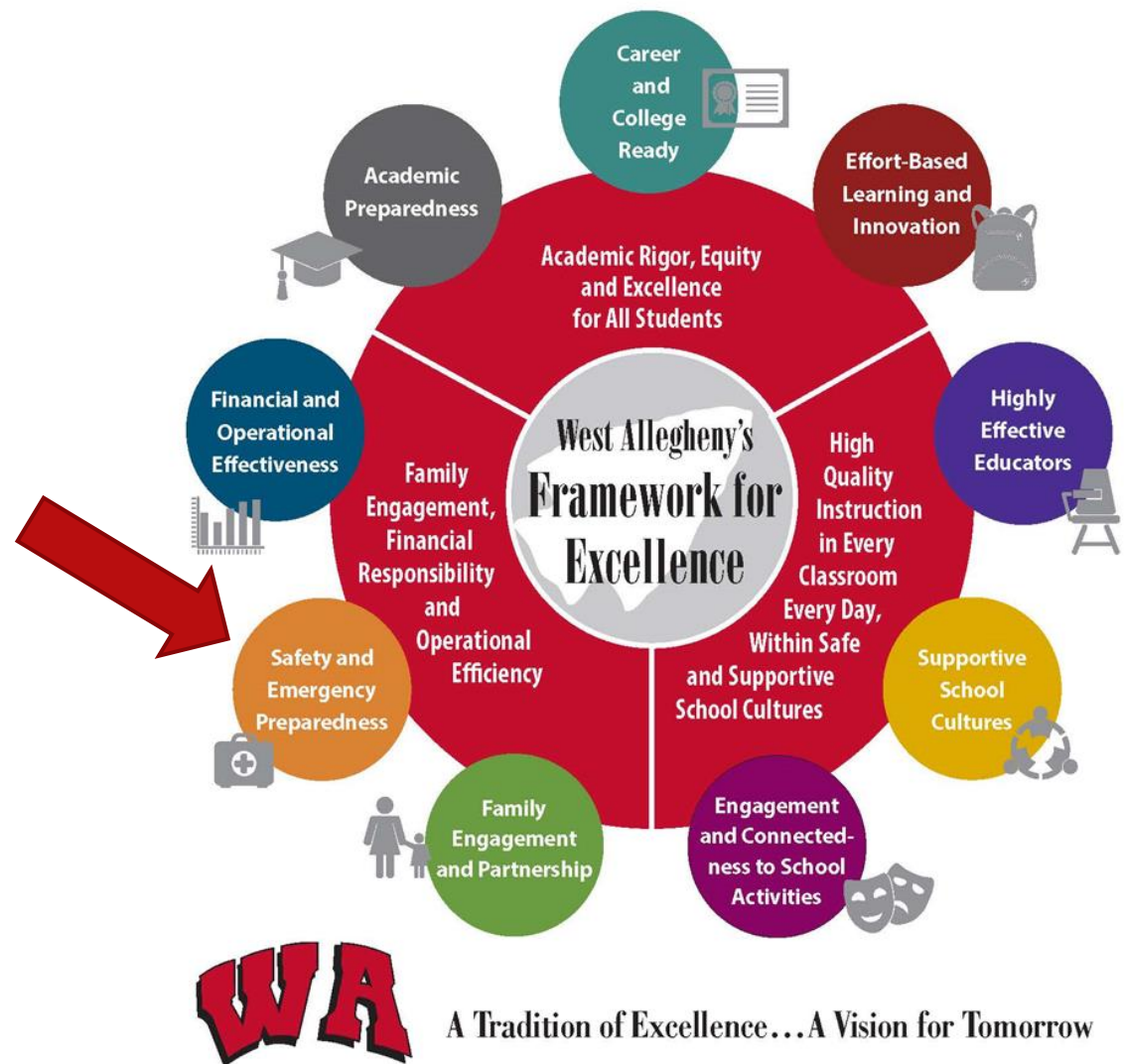
- ✓ **EMERGENCY**
- ✓ **INTERNAL**
- ✓ **PARENT**
- ✓ **COMMUNITY**

PARENT RESPONSE

- ✓ **LISTEN CAREFULLY TO COMMUNICATIONS**
- ✓ **KEEP PHONE LINES CLEAR**
- ✓ **ADHERE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DISTRICT REQUESTS**

PARENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- **SUICIDE PREVENTION-SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**
- **RACHEL'S CHALLENGE-NOVEMBER 7, 2017**
- **TRAUMA-NOVEMBER 13, 2017**
- **SHAPE THE SKY-FEBRUARY 8, 2017**
- **MENTAL HEALTH-MARCH 6, 2018**
- **PARENT SAFETY INFORMATION-MARCH 19, 2018**
- **DRUG AWARENESS-APRIL 12, 2018**
- **IN PLAIN SIGHT-TBA**



Questions and Comments

We are committed to your child's safety, and emergency preparedness remains our top priority with a daily focus for our entire school community