

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

LONG BEACH ELEMENTARY and OCEAN PARK ELEMENTARY

Emergency/Late Start/Closure Information

1. WIND STORMS, POWER OUTAGES, FLOODING, SNOW

- These events can cause either a school start delay, usually a 2 hour delayed start, or closure at one, several, or all of our schools
- As long as some power exists in the district, information will be provided through **FlashNews.Net**, which will contact Seattle and Portland TV stations and Astoria radio stations KMUN 91.9 FM and KAST 93 FM and 1370 AM.
- Closures or delays will in most cases be announced by 6:00 a.m.
- If there is no power available on the peninsula, radio and TV notification may not be possible. Limited phone information may be available, and if not, notices of closure will be posted at school entrances.
- Emergency information is also available from NOAA weather radio, Astoria frequency 162.40 MHz.

2. EARTHQUAKES & TSUNAMIS

- As the Long Beach Peninsula is located in a tsunami zone, the Ocean Beach School District must prepare for both, since the first sign of a possible tsunami is an earthquake.
- With an **earthquake**, students will "drop, cover and hold" until the earth stops shaking and then follow tsunami procedures.
- An earthquake generating a tsunami in our area will not provide adequate warning, and students at each elementary school will immediately move to the top floor of their respective schools as soon as the earth stops shaking. The Early Childhood Center (ECC) will evacuate to the top floor of Long Beach Elementary.
- If a **tsunami watch** is declared, administrators will prepare to evacuate their school by bus, if so directed.
- **Evacuation:** If the "watch" is upgraded to a **tsunami warning** (minimum 3 hour warning), Ocean Park Elementary, Long Beach Elementary, and the Early Childhood Elementary Center (ECC) will evacuate to Ilwaco Middle-High School (Hilltop).
- If school bus transportation to Ilwaco is not possible, Ocean Park Elementary will evacuate by bus or by foot to Ocean Park Lutheran Church; Long Beach Elementary and the Early Childhood Center will evacuate to the Recycle and Transfer Center (garbage dump).
- Each school's administration and staff will account for students and assist with any possible injuries.
- Each school will have a limited supply of emergency food, water and first aid supplies.
- Emergency information is also available from NOAA weather radio, Astoria frequency 162.40 MHz.

- **Reunification:** Reunification with parents will depend upon existing conditions. Most likely there will be no communication available with school personnel directing reunification at their respective elementary schools or the above specified evacuation site.
- Students will only be released to parent(s), legal guardian(s), or those persons indicated in student's records as "OK to Pick Up".
- Adults picking up students must provide proof of identity. Don't assume the school knows who you are. In an emergency situation, it may not be the regular office staff releasing students.

3. LOCKDOWN, INTRUDER, SHOOTING

- Each school in the district has a procedure for dealing with a possible dangerous intruder, shooting, or threats
- First responders, either the Pacific County Sheriff's Office, Long Beach Police, and/or Washington State Patrol, will be notified immediately
- **Lockdown:** A threatening person in the area or building will initiate a procedure where all exterior and interior doors will be shut and locked, exterior window coverings shut, and students gathered in a shielded area in the classroom.
- **Evacuation:** Only if directed by law enforcement, **Long Beach Elementary** students may be evacuated to the Elks Lodge or Neptune Theater; **Ocean Park Elementary** students may be evacuated to Sunset View Resort or Ocean Park Lutheran Church.
- **Reunification:** Parents will not be able to access the school until a clearance is determined by administrators and/or law enforcement.
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