



# IS 289: HUDSON RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

201 WARREN STREET, NEW YORK CITY, NY 10282

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## 2018 IS289 Safety Q and A

Q: In the event of an emergency, what options for parent communications exist?

A: In the event of emergency at IS 289 parents will be informed by the school administration via email once school administrators become available. The New York City Department of Education also informs families via the NYCDOE website at [www.schools.nyc.gov](http://www.schools.nyc.gov). If neither of these sources are available and/or lines of communication are down, families should reach out to local police precincts for guidance.

Q: What are the schools' visitor control protocols?

A: In order to ensure that the school has a clear mechanism for tracking who is inside of the building, all visitors to the building are required to sign in with school safety agents prior to entering the building. Once visitors sign in and share their ID with school safety agents, they are provided with a visitor sticker and directed to a specific location within the building, which is also written on the visitor sticker. School staff and administration are vigilant to ensure that visitors to the building have their visitor stickers visible. School staff have been directed to alert school administration or school safety in the event that they see a visitor without a pass.

Q: Are school safety agents armed?

A: School safety agents working for the New York City Department of Education are not armed. In the event of an emergency safety agents have direct communications with the New York City Police Department who will respond immediately to any school threat.

Q: How does the school screen the mental health status of students?

A: Our school building has a culture of caring adults and students who pay attention to each other's' needs. Children are monitored by guidance, administration, family and teachers. If it is suspected that a student is in crisis (i.e. presenting a danger to themselves or others) the crisis response team will respond to the situation and support the child and their family.

Q: What does the school do if they suspect a student has brought in a weapon?

A: If there is a suspicion of a weapon or contraband on school property the school will follow DOE protocol in conducting a search and seizure.

Q: How many drills are required throughout the year?

A: Schools are required to hold a minimum of 8 evacuation drills and 4 lock down drills throughout the course of the school year.



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Q: What happens if there is a lock down during lunch?

A: In the event of a lock down during lunch the Building Response Team will direct students to the designated student holding area within the school cafeteria. Students at out lunch have been provided with a protocol to follow in case of emergency during out lunch.

Q: What happens if there is a shelter in during lunch?

A: In the event of a shelter in during lunch students will eat lunch in the cafeteria and have recess in the gym. If the shelter in is called prior to students leaving for out lunch, students out lunch will be cancelled for the day. Students at out lunch will follow the emergency protocol provided to them.

Q: How are classroom doors secured in a lock down?

A: DOE regulation prohibits doors from locking on the inside of a classroom. Teachers have been trained to first check the hallway for students, then lock their doors from the outside in a lock down.