

THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL

You are invited to [join](#) millions of people who will [Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#) during the *Great California ShakeOut!* Follow the link to learn more about when this year's drill takes place and how you can be better prepared for an earthquake.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION DURING AN EMERGENCY

For school emergency information, check the following sources: the LAUSD television station KLCS, AM radio news stations 980 and 1070, www.lausd.net, your school's website, the official LAUSD Facebook/Los Angeles Schools, or the LAUSD Twitter feed@LASchools. [Downloadable School Emergency Information Card](#) - This wallet card provides basic emergency contact information for the school your child attends. Download and complete this card and keep it with you in case of an emergency at school.

FAMILY REUNIFICATION

When it is safe to pick up your child following an emergency, you will need to follow a special process to ensure everyone's safety. The Request Gate is the station set up to identify yourself to school staff and request that your child be sent out. **YOU MUST BRING I.D.**, and you must be listed on the child's emergency card in order to check a child out. You will then report to the Reunion Gate, where your child will be brought to you. Separating the two gates keeps crowding down, and lessens anxiety for children who may become frightened by a large crowd of parents.

**It would be great if some parents were available to practice this procedure during The Big Shakeout.*

PARENTS ON SITE DURING AN EMERGENCY

If you find yourself at school (as a volunteer or otherwise) during an emergency, please report to the designated Command Center to await further instruction.

1. Handball Courts
2. Inner Courtyard (if the Handball Courts are unsafe)
3. Auditorium (if the Inner Courtyard is also unsafe)

If you are not at school during the time of an emergency, please follow the Reunification protocols and request your child at the Request Gate and then pick up your child at the Reunion Gate. *These gates are clearly marked and a map of site.*

<http://www.ivanhoeschool.org/emergency/>

LAUSD EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS

If there is an emergency at school, school personnel have been trained, and will react quickly to protect children. If the emergency is a fire, students will evacuate to their Assembly Area until authorities determine that it is safe to re-enter the buildings. If there is an earthquake, students will drop, cover, and hold on as trained until the shaking stops, and then will evacuate the building to the Assembly Area. Students will not return until the buildings have been inspected and it is determined to be safe to enter. In both of these cases, students are being led away from the building, which due to the fire or earthquake has become a possible danger to them.

If there is a hazard outside, such as a report of a person in the area with a gun, or a nearby chemical release, students will be brought inside, where the building itself will help protect them from danger. Schools will act to protect students, and are prepared to shelter the students inside classrooms for hours if necessary. If students are held for a lengthy period of time, there are plans in place for emergency food, medical and restroom needs – these plans vary depending on the nature of the danger to students.