

# Champaign Unit 4 Schools

**ALICE**

SECONDARY STUDENT  
PRESENTATION

# WHAT IS ALICE?

- Provides preparedness for a violent intruder event.
- Utilizes infrastructure, technology, and human action to **INCREASE** survival chances.



# WHAT IS ALICE?

- Training and simulations that are provided to administrators, law enforcement officers, school resource officers, teachers, and students to help survive a violent school attack.



# PREVIOUS POLICY IN CHAMPAIGN UNIT 4 SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Hard Lockdown

(May apply to situations where an immediate danger or threat exists and where restricted movement of students is necessary)

- Ensure students enter the closest classroom immediately
- Lock door to room
- Do not let anyone but emergency responders in the building
- Do not allow students to leave classroom
- Keep students in class until lockdown has been lifted (no passing periods)
- Close curtains/blinds
- Ensure all students are accounted for
- Keep students contained and calm
- If fire alarm sounds during lockdown, await instructions from administrator unless you can personally verify need to evacuate
- Follow these procedures until lockdown has been lifted

# UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM

- Since 1992, the Departments of Education and Justice have tallied 446 homicides and 87 suicides in and around our American schools.
- The country with the next highest school-related violent deaths is Canada with 11.

(U.S. Departments of Education & Justice, 2012)

# UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM

- 41 states and Washington D.C. have had at least 1 fatal school shooting.
- Illinois has had 19 school shooting events leaving 25 dead.

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# LESSONS FROM AN ACTUAL SCHOOL SHOOTING

## Passive

- **Room 206 (Stayed down):**
  - 14 present.
  - **12 killed or wounded.**
- **Room 211 (Stayed down):**
  - 19 present.
  - **18 killed or wounded.**

## Proactive

- **Room 204 (Evacuated):**
  - 19 present
  - **5 killed or wounded**
- **Room 205 (Barricaded):**
  - 12 present
  - **0 killed or wounded.**

# ALICE

- **A**lert
- **L**ockdown
- **I**nform
- **C**ounter
- **E**vacuate



Alert  
Lockdown  
Inform  
Counter  
Evacuate



# ALICE

- Three human reactions to fear:
  - **FIGHT**
  - **FLIGHT**
  - **FREEZE**
- Current lockdown policy resembles **FREEZE**.
- Creates an easy target for active shooters.

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ALERT

- Initiate ALICE, initiate ALICE!
- Provide *real-time* information over speakers first.
  - “Gun man in library!”
  - “Intruder in the front hallway!”
  - “Student with knife in the cafeteria!”
- “Lockdown!” is too ambiguous.
- Alert authorities **AFTER** you have given real-time information to your school.

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## LOCKDOWN

- Is a starting point tool, but not a *proactive* solution.
- Don't rely on the lock.
  - Teach staff to use zip ties, belts, or furniture as backup.
- Ready students and self to counter/evacuate.
  - Not hiding under a desk without a plan.



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INFORM

- Continuation of the ALERT.
- Provide real-time information to the school.
- Provide real-time information to the authorities.



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## COUNTER

Disrupt shooter by:

- Talking to/at them.
- Making stimulating noise.
- Making wild gestures with arms/legs.
- Throwing **ANYTHING** at them.
- Swarming shooter.
- Do not touch the weapon.



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## EVACUATE

- Whether planned or not, a mass evacuation **WILL OCCUR**.
- Plan out and practice running to the evacuation site.
  - **No vehicles** in evacuation due to heavy police, fire, and ambulance traffic.
- Evacuation can occur through doors, windows, or any other point of entry/exit in the school.



# ACTIVE SHOOTER OLD VS. NEW

## Lockdown (Old Policy)

- Shout “lockdown!” over speakers.
- Lock door.
- Move students under desks.
- Wait for more information or directions.

## ALICE (New Policy)

- Alert real-time information continuously to all.
- Lock door with back-up plan in place for lock malfunction. Prepare to counter or evacuate.
- Counter intruder with distractions, noise, throwing, and swarming.
- Provide authority to evacuate immediately if danger is not present.

# CURRENT POLICY IN ILLINOIS

- Illinois State Board of Education passed a mandate for all schools.
- Conduct one school shooting drill per year with law enforcement.
- School shooting drills must be completed when students are present.

**(Public Act 100-0996)**





# ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILL OVERVIEW

## 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

- The drill will be announced. Students will know the date and time of the drill.
- We will clearly announce over the PA system, This is a drill!
- Students should follow directions from their teacher or nearest adult during the drill.
- Students should move quietly and slowly to their assigned area.
- After arriving at their designated area, students should line up and wait for the teacher or adult to take attendance.
- Students will return to class and take a brief survey to garner feedback about their experience.

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