



Alert  
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ALICE is committed to increasing survivability in a violent intruder event through training proactive response options. There are more ways than one to be prepared for a violent event. Whether you are at a mall, in a theater, grocery shopping, attending a game or listening to a concert, you have options. When ALICE response strategies are implemented, unwilling participants in the event are empowered to choose their best survival option. Seconds count during a violent event and the actions taken in between when the event begins, and law enforcement arrives, are significant and can increase survivability.

This training model was adopted by Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools, who partnered with the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office and the Sonora Police Department to teach at all the schools in the county. The program has grown to include public and private business and organizations who request the training.

The training is provided in an age appropriate environment from TK through High School. Providing our children with survival skills that will last their lifetime. We learned Stop, Drop and Roll in school which could save your life in the event your clothing was on fire. Our desire is that the ALICE program will be the same in years to come.

**Q:** What is ALICE and ALICE training?

**A:** As part of updating the district's safety plan, a safety protocol called ALICE will be implemented in the unlikely event of an armed intruder on campus and/or in our school buildings. This training encourages staff and students to respond based on their situation, rather than rely on centralized instructions in dynamic times of crisis. ALICE is a federally endorsed safety protocol. The letters ALICE stand for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate:

**Alert**—inform people of the threat and give as much information as possible.

**Lockdown**—Students and staff can choose to lockdown and barricade the room that they are in if they determine that it is not safe to evacuate.

**Inform**—Pass on as much information as possible to others and to First Responders, including calling 911.

**Counter**—An effort of last resort, if an armed intruder is able to get into the space they are in, individuals can counter with distraction or other tactics.

**Evacuate**—If it is safe to do so, all are encouraged to evacuate the building, and remove themselves from the threat.

During ALICE training, staff and students are trained in different options for responding to a school intruder who is intent on doing harm. In certain circumstances, the “lock the door, stay away from windows and crouch down but be ready” strategy might be appropriate. In some cases, the teacher and students might take precautions to barricade the entrance(s) of the classroom. Under certain conditions, it might be the best decision for the teacher and students to flee the building. The goal of ALICE training is that the strategies learned will increase the chances that our staff and students might survive if a terrible circumstance of an armed intruder ever were to occur.

Columbia Staff continues to update their ALICE training with the Sheriff's department every year. When possible we have deputies come out to talk with our students and/ or teachers/support staff will open up those discussions and teach students what ALICE stands for and continue to have scenarios talks and drills throughout the year, just like our other emergency drills.

If you have any questions regarding the talk and training please contact Tina Cruz, 209 533-7700 Ext 4419 .