

River Valley High School

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Home of the Blackhawks

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On December 2, 2021 River Valley High School conducted a lockdown safety drill. Teachers and students were notified in advance, with extra consideration for our special needs students. During the drill our teachers identified the “safe zone” in the classroom where they cannot be seen through any corridor windows, and staff reviewed the school’s exit strategies. The drill was initiated over our public address system at 8:05 a.m. as, *“This is a safety drill. Your attention please. We are in a lockdown. Teachers, lock your doors and keep students in your room until further notice. Students or staff should go into the nearest classroom or office. Ignore all alarms and bells unless advised otherwise.”* The drill was complete 5 minutes later at 8:10 a.m. and an **ALL CLEAR** announcement was made.

Our high school implements the Standard Response Protocol during all drills. Our students are trained to move away from sight and maintain silence. Our teachers are trained to lock their classroom door, drop in the safety pin for the door, drop their door-window curtains, turn their lights out, move away from sight, maintain silence, do not open the door, and take roll to account for all students. During the drill all doors were checked and found to be locked.

There were 51 adults present for this drill and 389 students that took part in this safety drill.

Successful highlights:

Staff responded in a timely manner and the school was secure in approximately one minute. It took approximately three and a half minutes to check all doors in the building. All doors were secure. Two teachers needed to be reminded to have their lights shut off. All students responded promptly.

Focus areas for the next drill:

We have always run our drills during very controlled times, when students are in their classrooms and classes are in session. Other times we might want to attempt the drill is during our Blackhawk Period, when there is more student movement, or in-between classes during student movement times..

Certifications:

Our School Board will meet to discuss this drill on December 9, 2021 during our regular school board meeting.

Our school certifies that this drill was conducted on December 2, 2021, and this written evaluation was sent to and reviewed by the school board on December 9, 2021.

Principal Signature: _____

Superintended Signature: _____

School Board President Signature: _____