

# River Valley High School

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# Home of the Blackhawks

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On May 17, 2022 River Valley High School conducted a lockdown safety drill. Teachers and students were NOT notified in advance. 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 1:42 p.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 3 minutes later at 1:45 p.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 53 adults present for this drill and 392 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. One teacher's door was not locked. All students responded promptly. We completed the drill during a "Blackhawk Period" which has more student movement and students in the hallway than during a regular class period. The students responded really well.

### Focus areas for the next drill:

We had one teacher that didn't shut his door or lock his door, because he never heard the announcement. The PA System needs to be in top shape to ensure safety. This will be looked at by our IT and Custodial Staff before our next drill.

### Certifications:

Our School Board will meet to discuss this drill on June 9, 2022 during our regular school board meeting.

Our school certifies that this drill was conducted on May 17, 2022, and this written evaluation was sent to and reviewed by the school board on June 9, 2022.

Principal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintended Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

School Board President Signature: \_\_\_\_\_