

River Valley High School

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Home of the Blackhawks

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On November 14, 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 11:10 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 3 minutes later at 11:13 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 49 adults present for this drill and 398 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 Teachers had locked doors. All students responded promptly. We completed the drill during a time when some students were in the cafeteria in transition from the middle school, and all students responded correctly. The students responded really well.

Focus areas for the next drill:

During the drill, while the teachers and students were on lockdown, Mr. Blakley called two different teachers to utilize their personal phones to access the PA System. Both teachers failed to make those announcements. This will be an area that the high school will need to emphasize to ensure that all teachers are taught how to correctly make PA Announcements from their classroom phones.

Certifications:

Our School Board will meet to discuss this drill on December 8, 2022 during our regular school board meeting.

Our school certifies that this drill was conducted on November 14, 2022, and this written evaluation was sent to and reviewed by the school board on December 8, 2022.

Principal Signature: *Darby Blakley*

Superintended Signature: _____

School Board President Signature: _____