

Dear KVHS Parent:

Kankakee Valley High School is committed to providing the safest possible environment for its students. Over the years, we have taken great steps in the matter of securing our school (locking exterior doors, installing monitored entry systems, and installing security cameras). But, what if an armed intruder enters our building?

Schools across the country have answered that question with a method we call Lockdown. In the event an unauthorized person enters the school buildings or grounds, a Lockdown alert is given and students and staff are instructed to lock their classroom doors, turn out lights, hide in a far corner of the classroom, and remain calm and quiet. This is the procedure that we have followed for years, but we now know that we must provide students and staff with more options in case they are confronted with an armed intruder.

The Kankakee Valley School Corporation has enhanced the lockdown procedures that we, as well as experts across the country, believe will increase the chance of survival during an active shooter incident. The enhancements we will teach our staff and students are known as ALiCE. What does ALiCE mean?

A lert	We will get the word out using clear concise language and describe the location of the event.
L ockdown	This is still a good starting point. We will continue to lockdown students in secure areas.
I nform	Continual communication keeping the staff and students informed allows for good decision making.
C ounter	Apply skills to barricade, and if necessary, distract, confuse and gain control.
E vacuate	Reduce the number of potential targets for the shooter, and reduce chances of injuries resulting from friendly fire when help arrives.

In **NO WAY** are we asking or teaching our students or staff to make any attempt to subdue an armed gunman outside of their secure area. However, we will provide them with options that if faced with a life or death situation, can be applied to greatly enhance their chance of survival. These options including escaping, barricading the door, and protecting oneself by any means necessary should an armed intruder enter the room.

Training will emphasize that the best way to survive an active shooter is to escape. When that is not possible, being mentally prepared and having been given the authority and ability to act will save lives.

Please contact one of us if you have any questions about the ALiCE program or if you prefer that your student not participate. We look forward to working with your students to provide them with skills they might need at school and in the community if confronted with a violent intruder.

Sincerely,

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