
Q1. Does Adams 12 Five Star Schools partner with any external agencies on oil and gas plans?

A1. Adams 12 Five Star Schools is a regular participant on both Adams County, and the City & County of Broomfield Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) as well as at the Adams County Office of Emergency Management and City & County of Broomfield Office Emergency Management. This direct relationship with our first responders and emergency planning agencies positively impacts our emergency planning.

Q2. How will Adams 12 Five Star Schools be notified of an emergency at an oil and gas site?

A2. Adams 12 Five Star Schools is listed in multiple Emergency Operations Plans from a variety of agencies including, Adams County, and the City & County of Broomfield. These plans include notification protocols that are specific to notifying our central communications center.

Q3. Does Adams 12 Five Star Schools have an Emergency Operation Plan for an oil and gas specific event? What does response look like for this type of event?

A3. In the case of emergencies near our schools, we partner with and rely on our first responders to inform us of any risk associated with the situation that may impact our schools. If first responders prescribe a specific protocol to ensure our students are safe we will follow the prescribed protocol, including modifying our air flow within our facilities.

In addition to emergency operation plans and partnerships with first responders, the district follows emergency response protocols prescribed in the Standard Response Protocol (SRP). The SRP provides five actions for students and staff to use empowering them as “decision makers” in a crisis. The five actions that are included in the SRP are as follows:

- **LockOUT** - building is put in lockOUT based on activity in the surrounding area, not in the school or on school grounds. School staff move all students and activities inside and ensure the building is locked while learning continues inside the school with minimal classroom interruption or distractions.
- **LockDOWN** - building is put on lockDOWN due to perceived danger inside or very near the building. All students and staff are trained to get behind a locked door - Locks, Lights, Out of Sight. In the rare event that a student cannot get behind a locked door, they are trained in self-evacuation protocols.
- **Hold!** - building or part of a building is put on Hold! Due to a situation that requires the corridors be clear of students. Teachers should close and lock the classroom door, but may allow students in as necessary. Business as usual inside the classroom. All students and staff are instructed to remain in the classroom until they receive the all clear, this will supersede any passing period or dismissal time.

- **Shelter** - students and staff are instructed to take safe shelter due to a situation in or near the school.
- **Evacuate** - students and staff are moved to a new or safe location due to a situation in or near the school building.

The two actions of the SRP most used if an emergency occurred at an oil and gas site are **shelter-in-place** or **evacuate the building**. Each school in the Five Star District has predetermined shelter-in-place areas for each classroom, as well as, an on-site and off-site evacuation point. Additional measures may be implemented as needed depending on the needs of the school and surrounding community.

Learn more about the SRP at www.adams12.org/emergency-preparedness

Q4. How will parents be notified of an oil and gas event near a school in the Five Star District?

A4. In the event of an oil and gas emergency near a school in the Five Star District, we will follow our standard notification processes outlined at www.adams12.org/safety.

Please note that if you live in a community affected by an oil and gas event you may receive notification from your local governments (city/county) before the school district sends out a notification or vice versa. It's important to know that we will only send out notification after we can verify the source, credibility, severity and next steps to ensure effective communication.

Q5. What is a parent's role in an oil and gas event?

A5. The district sends all safety messages to families based on contact information found in [Infinite Campus](#). It is vital to keep your household information updated. Parents are encouraged to opt-in for text message alerts in order to receive in the moment updates.

- Opting in is a two-step process:
 - 1) Make sure your cell phone number is listed in [Infinite Campus](#) in the cell phone field.
 - 2) Then text "YES" to 68453.

Be the first to know.
 Receive priority alerts on your cell phone.
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- If you're at a school and an emergency occurs, follow protocol with students and staff.

- If you are home - **stay home** - do not go to the school; this may interfere with procedures. Do not call the school or security staff, as they are working on the situation and ensuring your student's safety.
- We understand that families want information right away. Our security and administrative staff work hard to communicate with families as soon as the information is verified as accurate and next actions have been determined.