

WILMOT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



PRESS RELEASE

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On Tuesday, May 21, 2019, Wilmot Union High School conducted a School Safety Drill so that students and staff could apply the ALICE skills they have learned throughout the school year. ALICE is a system that empowers staff and students to make choices based on real-time information during school intrusions, active shooter events, and/or acts of terrorism. The elements of ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) empower students and staff to make the decisions necessary to preserve safety and security during an active threat.

Today's planned drill began at 12:45pm with an announcement from Principal Torres. Students and staff had previously reviewed the ALICE protocols and were encouraged to participate in a realistic yet responsible manner. The drill concluded successfully at 1:00pm with students and staff returning to their classrooms where they had time to process and discuss their experience. Students were then dismissed and continued on to their 7th period class.

Our goal is to continue to work together to ensure the safety of every student and staff member at Wilmot Union High School. Reviewing our ALICE skills and practicing these drills prepares us for what we hope will never happen and is critical in the event that it does. We encourage you to review the ALICE skills with your student, discuss today's drill, and stress the importance of SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Our students need to understand that when they see something that seems out of place whether in person or online, they need to tell an adult. If you have any questions regarding our current school safety measures, please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you,

Amber Torres
Principal