



Text Alert System Definitions

Late Start

Valor may determine that due to current or projected weather conditions a late or delayed start may be prudent. Valor will always begin a late start schedule at 9:30 a.m. Students will report to the first class normally scheduled on the specific day in question and will attend all classes within a modified time schedule on that day.

Evacuation

This action is taken after the decision is made that it is unsafe to remain inside Valor facilities. Do not come to the campus until directed to do so.

Lockout

A lockout is utilized to secure the perimeter of the school from a potential threat from the outside. A lockout allows "normal" business to continue within the facilities while restricting or prohibiting movement on the exterior. Do not come to the campus because no one will be allowed in or out until DCSO (Douglas County Sheriff's Office) has determined the situation has been rendered safe.

Shelter In Place

"Shelter-in-place" is initiated to protect students and staff from chemical, radiological, or biological contaminants released into the environment or other hazardous atmosphere. To "shelter-in-place" means to take immediate shelter where you are and isolate the inside environment from the outside environment. Do not come to the campus until directed to do so.

Lockdown

A lockdown is an emergent course of action necessary when it is not possible to safely evacuate the building due the presence of an armed intruder. This requires the isolation of students and staff into secure areas until law enforcement can secure the building. Do not come to the campus because no one will be allowed in or out until DCSO (Douglas County Sheriff's Office) has determined the situation has been rendered safe.

All Clear

This action is taken to notify the Valor community that normal school operations can resume.

Reunification

This action is taken when circumstances occur at the school that require parents to pick up their students in a formalized, controlled release. The process of controlled release is called a reunification. This may take place at an off site location. This will be communicated via the text alert system. Upon receiving this alert, do not come to the campus. Wait to receive reunification directions/protocols, along with the reunification location.

Valor Test

At pre-scheduled times, Valor will conduct a test of the emergency text alert system to ensure that our parents have consistent, and efficient access to critical information.

Snow Day

A school closure or "snow day" will result in the cancelling of all classes. To include cancellation of co-curricular activities and any other non-school related activities taking place on our campus on the particular day of closure. School will resume on the next weekday according to the typical schedule for that day.

Early Dismissal

In rare events, Valor may determine a need to invoke an early dismissal from school. Early dismissal may take place due to current or projected extreme weather or weather events and or emergency situations. If the need for an early dismissal is identified, Valor will communicate with parents through the schoolcast notification system, and the Valor website. The time and location for early pick up of your student will be communicated as well.