

MORRISONVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

Crisis Reunification Procedures

The process of reunification is unique to the school environment in that children are considered one of the most vulnerable groups in society and the bond between parents and children is strong though the high school years. With that in mind the following considerations are addressed.

Parents **will come** to the school to get the children in a crisis. Morrisonville Unit School District #1 has established the following assembly sites for accountability and reunification.

In the event that Morrisonville students have had to report to a relocation site off the school campuses, the parents will be informed via the SchoolReach phone service to help locate their children in an orderly manner.

Students could be located at the following locations depending on the situation:

- Junior/Senior High School
- Elementary School
- American Legion Building
- Palmer Community Building
- Raymond/Lincolnwood High School
- South Fork High School in Kincaid

Unified Command Post will be at the Morrisonville Fire Department if located away from one of schools offices.

The public will require timely and accurate information about the reunification process and may require the release of information by the superintendent or designee through the use of pre-scripted media release or through the drafting of a press release approved by the superintendent.

Parents/Guardians will be directed by the SchoolReach phone service as to where to pick up the students in the event of an emergency. The parent/guardian must sign a release form for each student released to them. The process may require the caregiver to show a form of identification before the student is to be released to the individual.

Reunification sites will be given important information about the students that may include such things as: information about parents/adults that are excluded from having contact with the child, any medical information or other special conditions that may cause the child to be given special medical or emotional care.

Parents/Guardians who come to the reunification site must be aware of the following conditions that exist as the crisis unfolds:

1. Parents will be advised through SchoolReach phone service as to the location of the reunification site. Parents must listen for specific instructions that will get them to their children as quickly as possible.
2. Students may be traumatized by the event and may need to talk to a professional before leaving the school grounds.
3. Students may require medical care before leaving the school grounds.
4. Students may have key information that law enforcement authorities need to bring the crisis to a swift conclusion. This may necessitate that the student speak to law enforcement authorities before leaving.
5. Students will only be released to parents or care givers that were identified through a screening process at the beginning of the school year.
6. Students that drive will only be allowed to use their personal mode of transportation for evacuation travel purposes and to transport other immediate family members if permission was given through a screening process at the beginning of the school year.
7. Gaining access to the reunification site may be delayed because of traffic and access control problems. Parents should follow instructions and not simply “abandon” their means of transportation to get to the reunification site.