Your school and students are only as prepared as you equip them to be!

Consider including emergency preparedness curricula in your classrooms today.

Ensure your students are prepared for all types of disasters and emergencies, including:

- Hurricanes
- Tornadoes
- Fires
- Floods
- School Violence
- Bomb Threats
- Lockdowns
- Evacuations

**Children’s Disaster Preparedness Program**

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A prepared school is a safe school!
Emergency preparedness is important to all, especially those with special needs!

Children with special needs require advanced planning and assistance. It is critical to consider their needs when preparing your school and students. Make sure they are a part of your emergency plan and trainings. Establishing clear information ensures everyone is much safer and prepared to avoid injury and harm.

Tips to help children with special needs:

All students with special needs in your school should be identified and their daily location and special requirements noted in a quick access document for ease of use in an emergency.

Students with special needs should also have the appropriate paperwork in their record/file and a copy available to each appropriate staff/faculty at all times. The American Academy of Pediatrics has created an Emergency Information Form for Children with Special Needs that can be downloaded from www.aap.org.

Staff/faculty should be assigned to each student in advance to provide emergency assistance. Also, designate a backup (or two) in the event of an absence.

Ensure staff/faculty fully understand the extent of assistance needed for the student to which they are assigned and are able to handle the duty in an emergency.

For students with mobility issues, identify alternative evacuation routes and the best way to get the student to safety.

Preparedness curriculum for faculty.

FEMA has produced grade-appropriate emergency preparedness curriculum called Ready Kids to be taught in schools. These trainings were prepared for educators to share directly with students to bolster student safety and emergency and disaster preparedness efforts.


Emergency preparedness curriculum will help you reach your students with messages that may save their lives!

FEMA provides this exciting and easy-to-follow Youth Emergency Preparedness Curriculum for students directly from its website at: www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34411.

This website includes emergency preparedness curriculum for grades 1–12, and teaches kids what to do before, during and after an emergency while fostering critical 21st-century skills such as problem solving, teamwork, creativity, leadership and communication. Your students will benefit greatly from this valuable information. There is also additional information available for teachers, students, and parents/guardians at kidsgetaplanc.com.

Are you ready?

Did you know children make up about 26 percent of Florida’s population? Approximately 3,995,219 children live in Florida.