



## **Emergency Operations Plan 2022**

All students have the right to have a safe and supportive learning environment. We started our school with students at the center of our why and allowing access for students anywhere anytime.

As highlighted in the US Department of Education, ERCM Express Volume 3, Issue 5, 2007 in the Article: Emergency Management in Nontraditional School Settings, being 100% online puts Advantages School International in the nontraditional setting. Most of the school safety concerns associated with emergency management in traditional schools are not relevant to virtual schools. However, it is very important to highlight that at Advantages School International, we ensure offsite backups of critical student records, we have an extensive communication process with teachers, parents, mentors, students and tutors within our school community. Communication is via our secured server within our platform where we can send texts/emails to outside emails as well to alert our whole school community if need be. Our student success managers also phone/zoom/skype the students to ensure that a safe and supportive environment is in place.

In the case of emergency events such as natural disasters, accidents, crime or emerging issues that may target a region, our community within the school reaches out to these students to help provide guidance in pausing their curriculum and help them understand that their mental health comes first. As a virtual school, we have the ability to provide a reset opportunity for the students to put their safety and well being first.

When students start the program, they have the ability to build a rapport with not only their teachers, but also tutors, mentors and their student success managers. Students can access their message portal via an app, logging into their portal, email or calling a toll free number to communicate an emergency that they are experiencing personally.

Advantages School International has students worldwide so it is imperative that we are sensitive to the global issues happening that can also impact our students. Schools provide a safe haven and schools have to prepare to be sensitive how outside incidents can trigger emotions/reactions for students. At Advantages School International, we can adjust timelines and pacing for all students to help them achieve success at their own level.

