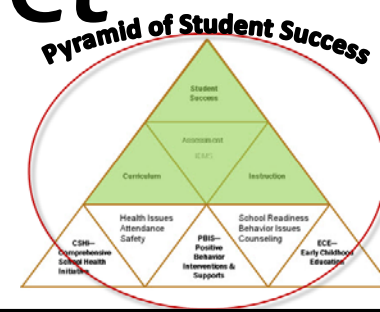


# Snowline School District



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## Disaster Preparedness & Red Ribbon Week



Safety takes many forms in the Snowline Joint Unified School District. Disaster preparedness and Red Ribbon Week are two ways that students are taught that making good choices results in safe outcomes. By having staff members work with students in these areas, important learning occurs that is relevant to their lives now and in the future.

Being prepared to handle disasters means learning what to do in different situations and developing plans to manage local hazards. This takes practice that must be coordinated among the departments and schools within the district to ensure that all students and staff members will be safe if unfortunate events do happen to occur. Teaching students what must be done during disasters dramatically increases the likelihood that all kids will be safe, a priority that Snowline is committed to achieving.

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Taking place the last full week in October, it serves as a vehicle for schools, districts, and communities to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug free lives.

Safety must be present to maximize learning. Join us in helping to make our students prepared to best handle disasters and make good choices.



Debbie Ortega, Pinon Mesa Middle School teacher, is shown with her class taking part in the disaster evacuation drill. Such drills are used to ensure that school staff and students are prepared and know what to do in case an actual emergency occurs.



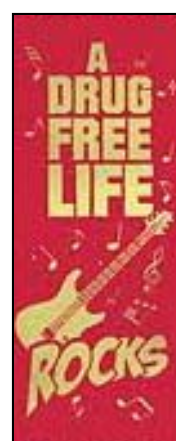
As shown in the pictures above and below, sites have various supplies on hand to assist in emergencies and to care for those in need of attention.



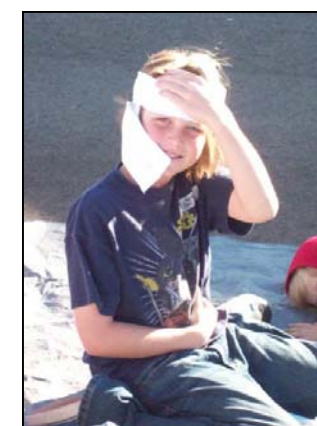
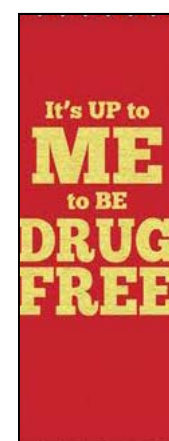
Students are assembled in their waiting areas during the disaster evacuation drill.



Different scenarios and simulations were run through during the drill to practice for a possible real-life event.



Inventory is taken annually to make sure the proper necessities are on hand to effectively manage any emergencies.



Here a student acts as a victim in a drill and shows off his head bandage.

### Did you know?

- In 1988, Red Ribbon Week was first recognized nationally.
- Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program reaching millions of Americans during the last week in October.
- During the last decade, earthquakes killed 780,000 people, making them the worst cause for death by natural disaster.
- Only 40% of Californians have a family disaster plan. Many resources for disaster preparedness are available on the Internet, including [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) and [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).



Students at Pinon Mesa Middle School participated in Every 15 Minutes, a program designed to teach adolescents about the dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol and texting while driving.

Students at all levels took time to participate in discussions, assemblies, and watch anti-drug and anti-alcohol videos during the Red Ribbon Week campaign. Below are some thoughts students shared.

*"Drugs and alcohol are a choice that can be life threatening, especially drinking and driving because it can, and does, endanger people who are doing nothing wrong."*

*"I want to be successful and reach my goals and not let anything get in my way, especially drugs and alcohol."*

*"Doing drugs or drinking alcohol can change my life forever. I have so much going for me and I don't want to lose it because of drugs and alcohol. My family's life would change forever."*