



The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut Spotlight: *Indianapolis Public Schools*

As the central United States is earthquake country, it is important for students, faculty, and staff in K-12 schools to know what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. This is true for childcare centers, classrooms, schools and districts. The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut provides an opportunity for schools to practice these important steps. By practicing now, classrooms and schools can learn how to better prepare themselves for earthquakes and other disasters, reducing the potential risk of injuries and damages to students and staff.

Below is a ShakeOut Spotlight on Indianapolis Public Schools. The entire district will participate in the ShakeOut on April 19th, 2011, with more than 60 sites, 30,000 students, and nearly 2,500 faculty and staff participating in the drill. According to Richard Myers, Director of Safety, Maintenance Programs, Environmental and Risk Management with the district, Indianapolis Public Schools will perform the following actions during the ShakeOut:



"Indianapolis Public Schools will be participating in "The Great Central US ShakeOut", along with other organizations around the country.

Since this is so important, The "ShakeOut" drill will be documented and completed in addition to: fire, lockdown and tornado drills that are already being carried out. Our Safety Office will implement this drill into our Emergency Procedures Guide. The guide is a great reference that outlines what should be done in an emergency.

An announcement will be made over our CERT (Central Emergency Radio Transmission) Alert boxes that will inform all of our buildings of the drill. Our students and staff will remain in position until they hear the "All Clear". Each building will document the completion of the drill and any comments or concerns that may come up."

We would like to thank the Indianapolis Public Schools for their participation in the ShakeOut and commitment to preparing their community for disasters. For more information about the district, visit <http://www.ips.k12.in.us/>.

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The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut is a multi-state partnership to increase earthquake awareness and preparedness at all levels in the central U.S. For more information, please visit www.shakeout.org/centralus