



K-12 Schools and Districts

Register today at ShakeOut.org

Each year, millions of people across the United States and around the world practice how to “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great ShakeOut, the world's largest earthquake drill.

All K-12 schools and districts are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise of their school disaster plan).

Even if earthquakes are not common in your area, your students and staff may travel to an earthquake prone region. Practicing at school will make sure they know what to do wherever they may experience an earthquake.

Why is a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill important? To respond quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you.



Millions of people worldwide have participated in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills since 2008. The International ShakeOut Day is held on the third Thursday of October each year, but you can participate on any day.

Everyone can participate! Individuals, families, businesses, schools, colleges, government agencies and organizations are all invited to register.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here are a few suggestions for what K-12 schools and districts can do to participate in the ShakeOut. More materials and resources can be found at: ShakeOut.org/howtoparticipate and ShakeOut.org/schools.

Plan Your Drill:

- Register at ShakeOut.org/register to be counted as participating, get email updates, and more.
- Download a Drill Broadcast recording from ShakeOut.org/drill/broadcast.
- Have a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill on ShakeOut day (or any day of the year that fits your schedule).
- You can also practice other aspects of your emergency plan, such as inviting parents or guardians to participate in an exercise of your reunification procedures.
- Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- Check your emergency supplies and equipment; make sure they are accessible and functional.
- Download and review school preparedness materials from ShakeOut.org/howtoparticipate.
- Encourage staff and students to prepare at home.
- Distribute ShakeOut take-home materials.

Share the ShakeOut:

- Encourage students and staff to ask their friends, families and neighbors to register.
- Ask colleagues at other schools to participate.
- Find posters, flyers, and other materials for promoting the ShakeOut at ShakeOut.org/resources.
- Share photos and stories of your drill at Shakeout.org/share.



DROP!



COVER!



HOLD ON!

As a registered ShakeOut Participant you will:

- Learn what you can do to get prepared
- Receive ShakeOut news and other earthquake information
- Be counted in the largest earthquake drill ever
- Set an example that motivates others to participate