

This Intergovernmental DuPage County School Mutual Aid Response Team (DuSMART) Agreement is an intergovernmental agreement with other DuPage County K-12 public school districts in case additional school resources are needed due to a natural or human made disaster.

Why mutual aid for schools?

During the 2021-22 school year the DuPage County ROE began the work of aligning family reunification plans in the case of an emergency event. When working through table top exercises and training events, it became a concern that no matter how large a school district, additional people would be needed to conduct a family reunification event. It was clear to the Safety Task Force members that trained school personnel from other school districts would make a significant difference and it could be achieved through cooperation between districts. State's Attorney Robert Berlin initiated the development of this mutual aid agreement.

The specific intent of this IGA is to safeguard the lives, persons, property, communities, and schools, enabling other public agencies to provide additional resources, equipment and/or school personnel as needed through a coordinated and organized manner.

This IGA is made in recognition of the fact that natural or human-made occurrences may result in emergencies or disasters that exceed the resources, equipment and/or school personnel of a given public agency.

Programs for Response and Recovery - The Stricken School District requests assistance and is in need of additional human resources to carry out the Emergency Operations Plan response and recovery for the following incidents:

- Family Reunification
- Mass Casualty Event
- Grief and Loss Response
- Utility Failure
- Natural or human made disaster

Cooperative training for school personnel who will respond during a crisis:

1. Family Reunification - I Love You Guys
2. College of DuPage Emergency Management Academy Series - School Preparedness Workshop (Administrators Academy)
3. National Incident Management Training
4. Annual Exercise during non-school attendance days as planned by the DuPage School Safety Task Force.

Contributing partners will provide financial assistance in the amount of \$250 per year. This cost covers only administration activities for the Mutual Aid responders. Examples include a tool to activate an emergency call out that tracks who is able to respond and who is not able. Supplies in the form of ID credentialing so the stricken agency can easily identify DuSMART responders. Other equipment, supplies, and necessary training costs related to DuSMART as approved by the Advisory Panel to the Regional Superintendent.