

DALLAS ISD EARTHQUAKE DROP-COVER-HOLD

I. BACKGROUND

The District has changed its earthquake drop procedures as recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management. The "Drop/Cover/Hold" procedure affords more suitable protection for students and staff during a major magnitude earthquake.

The threat of death or personal injury will come from the violent and erratic (bucking, rolling, shaking) ground movement and flying objects during a major 7.0 magnitude or greater.

II. EARTHQUAKE "DROP/COVER/HOLD" PROCEDURES

A. Student Earthquake "Drop/Cover/Hold" Procedures inside the classroom:

1. Upon command, drop to knees facing away from windows.
2. Get body under/below equipment (desk, table, chair, etc.)
3. Grasp equipment (furniture legs, etc.) with both hands and hold tightly.
4. Wait quietly for further instructions.

B. Student Earthquake "Drop/Cover/Hold" Procedures outside the classroom:

1. Stay clear of all buildings, power lines, light poles, etc.
2. Drop to the ground and hold on to a stable object if possible.
3. Remain clear of obstacles and wait quietly for further instructions.

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Procedures and Responsibilities

If a major earthquake was to occur at a Dallas ISD facility while school was in session, the following procedures would be implemented:

1. Initiate drop drill procedures immediately.
2. After the initial shock, each teacher should check for injuries and render first aid as needed. Seriously injured persons should not be moved unless they are in danger of further injury.
4. Teachers are to accompany students in a safe and orderly manner and take students to their assigned evacuation area if there is notable damage to their room. Each teacher should have a roll book in order to account for students at his/her assigned destination.
5. Please instruct students that if an earthquake occurs while not in class, students are to take all necessary precautions to protect themselves and go to the first classroom they come across.
6. Teachers are asked to take roll at their assigned area and are to remain with their classes and await further instructions.
7. All teachers who have a conference period are to report to the front office of the building for further instruction.
8. If you have a special assignment, you must first assure the safety of your students by taking your class to the assembly area. Arrange to have your class covered by the person closest to your location once outside.

When earthquake shaking begins... **Drop, Cover, and Hold On**

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DROP to the ground.

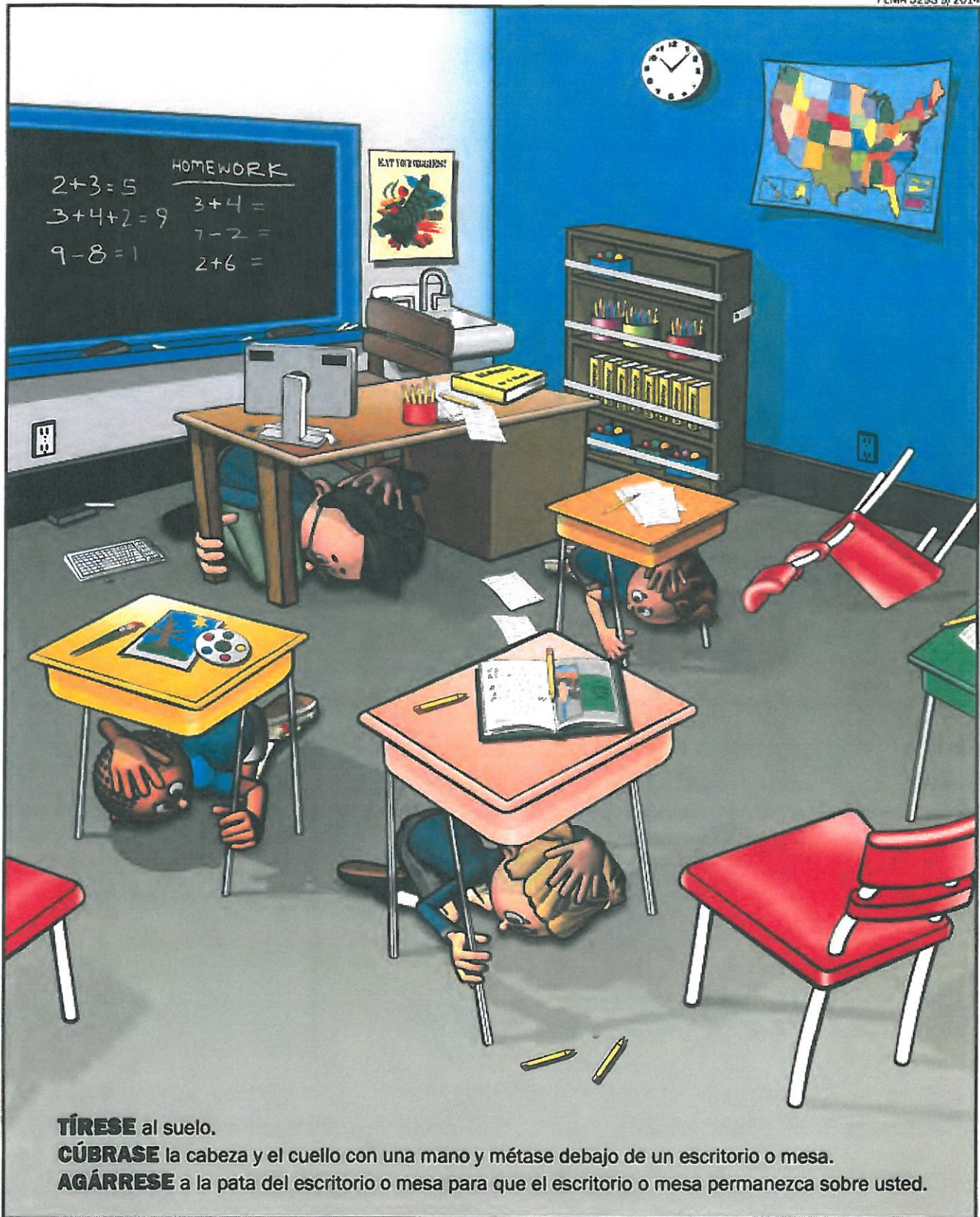
COVER your head and neck with one hand and get under a desk or table.

HOLD ON to the desk or table leg so that the desk or table will stay over you.

Cuando comiencen las sacudidas de un terremoto...

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