

STEP Student Tools for Emergency Planning



Learning Objectives:

- Students will assemble emergency kits with their families.
- Students will form communication plans with their families.
- Students will learn general knowledge about disasters common to their area.

STEP is a preparedness education project supported by New England state emergency management. Students at the 5th grade level will be armed with strategies for dealing with various types of emergencies and will act as agents to share this awareness with family members.

STEP's First Years

2008-2010



STEP was piloted in 2008 with 4,400 students across New England and grew to more than **20,000** students in the following year.

Materials include ready-to-teach lesson materials, DVDs, copies of student handouts, and disaster game cards. Students may also receive starter kit backpacks.

Teachers are required to dedicate 1 hour to teach the base lesson and have up to 10 hours of optional lessons to reinforce the base lesson.

Students enjoyed taking on significant leadership in their families, and displayed confidence and appropriate actions for responding to recently experienced disasters.

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The staple part of the STEP base lesson, this movie outlines preparedness strategies in an engaging and age-appropriate way. STEP's Instructor Guide contains discussion topics inserted at stopping points in the video. Supplemental lessons include art and theater projects, language arts, math, and class events.

Although only 1 hour was required, over **75% of teachers** reportedly taught **5-8 hours** of STEP lessons.

STEP's supplemental lessons include math, language arts, science, performing arts, and are aligned with 5th grade **state and national standards**.



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