

Emergency Messenger

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The Emergency Messenger allows you to quickly create and deliver emergency messages to staff or guardians. Unlike other Campus messages, an emergency message has no scheduled delivery window. All messages are delivered immediately or as quickly as possible. Emergency notifications are NOT limited to the allowed dialing window established by the [Voice Settings](#) tool.

Emergency message recipients must be specified each time a new message is sent--even when using a saved template.

Emergency Messenger can be used after you set up [Messenger Settings](#).

Emergency Messenger can only be used once students are active in the current school year.

Emergency Messenger respects the Active Year, Calendar Start/End Dates, Term Start/End Dates, and student enrollment status.

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- Emails exceeding the amount set by the email service provider may fail due to controls set by the provider to prevent SPAM.
- Free email service providers also typically set the maximum number of emails that can be sent per day. After that limit is reached, usually in a 24-hour rolling period, additional emails will not be sent until the time passes.
- For more information about Google's sending limits, see the following articles:
 - [Sending Limits](#)
 - [Message Bounced Due to Sending Limit](#)

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Emergency Messenger

! Messenger 2.0 is now available! This integrated tool includes all the features of: Message Builder, Staff Messenger, Emergency Messenger, and Message Builder Scheduler. Featuring a mobile friendly design, searchable template and recipient lists, flexible scheduling options, and the ability to view scheduled/in-progress messages all in one place. More features on the way. Messenger 2.0 tool rights will need to be enabled.

Emergency Messenger sends messages to Messenger contacts based on the criteria selected. To limit message recipients, select an Ad Hoc Filter.

The Template Name and User/Group can be changed after selecting Save or Copy. Filter Criteria selections do not save as part of the User/Group Template on this tool. You must select Filter Criteria each time a message is sent.

User/Group: Template:

Enter the filter criteria for Emergency Messenger:

Send Message To: Student Messenger Contacts Staff Student and Staff Contacts

School Options:

- All Schools
- 100 Arthur Elementary
- 110 Carter Middle
- 125 Cleveland Elementary
- 150 Clinton Secondary
- 175 Fillmore Middle School
- 190 Harrison High
- 200 Jackson High School
- 225 Jefferson Middle
- 250 Lincoln Elementary

Grade Options:

- All Grades
- EC
- HK
- KA
- KB
- KG
- PK
- 01
- 02
- 03

CTRL-click or SHIFT-click to select multiple

Ad Hoc Filter (Further narrows criteria):

Delivery Devices: Inbox Email Voice Text

Reply To Email: Caller ID:

Message Subject:

Message Body:

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Emergency Message Logic

The Emergency Messenger sends messages to contacts based on the phone numbers and email addresses marked to receive emergency messages on the [Demographics](#) tool. For a person to receive an emergency message, the Emergency checkbox must be marked for a phone number or email address in the [Personal Contact Information](#) section. Phone numbers and email addresses that do not have the Emergency checkbox marked do not receive an emergency message.

Emergency Messenger also relies on properly designating a person as a Messenger contact on the [Relationships](#) tool and configuring the Personal Contact Information editor of the [Demographics](#) tool.

For more information, please refer to the following articles:

- [Messenger with Voice - Setup and Details](#)
- [Relationships](#)
- [Demographics](#)

Settings applied for general voice messaging in the [Prompt Preferences](#) also apply to emergency messaging. Any text or .wav files specified for voice messages are also appended to emergency messages, as are redial settings (configured on the [Voice Settings](#) tool).

Phone Recipient Confirmation

When voice messages are delivered, Shoutpoint may attempt to reach a recipient at multiple phone numbers. Shoutpoint continues to call recipient phone numbers until the recipient confirms the message receipt or until the maximum number of redials is met as allowed by the district (configured on the [Voice Settings](#) tool).

To confirm message delivery, a recipient must press "0" at the end of a voice message. This cancels all additional delivery and/or redial attempts for recipients with non-shared or non-extension numbers.

Confirming and canceling calls to other phone numbers works in the following way:

- Recipients can confirm calls on any phone number, even those shared with any other recipient in Campus.
- If a phone number contains an extension, recipients are not be able to confirm the call.
- Confirming calls to phone numbers for the same recipient does not cancel calls to any phone numbers which contain extensions.
- If multiple recipients share a phone number but have different Delivery Devices selected for the same Messenger tool (Voice/Text), Voice call confirmation does not prevent the Text message from going out to the other recipient.


To stop additional calls, a recipient should always press "0" to confirm receipt of messages. If a recipient listens to a message but does not confirm its receipt by pressing "0," they may continue to receive call and redial attempts.

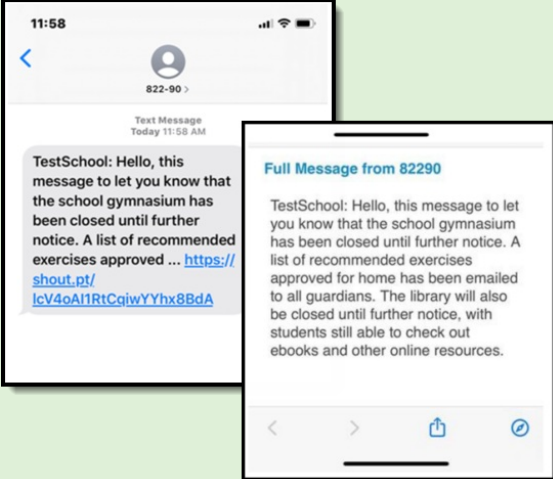
Field Descriptions

Field	Description
User/Group	This dropdown list allows you to save message templates to your user account or a user group to which you belong.

Field	Description
Template	<p>This dropdown list displays a list of available templates. To create a new template, select <new> from this list. Templates save to either the User (default), or User Group where they are accessible to other members in the group.</p> <p>Minimize future message setup time by creating and saving templates.</p> <p>Templates save:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filter Criteria (Selections, Filters, Active Students) • Language Delivery Preferences • Message Type • Delivery Devices • Sender Display Name • Message Subject • Message Body • Attachments • Send Time
Filter Criteria	
Send Messages To	<p>Emergency messages may be sent to the following recipients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Messenger Contacts. When an emergency message is sent to student messenger contacts/guardians, they receive one emergency message on each phone number and/or email marked for Emergency on the Personal Contact Information editor. Only one message is delivered to a phone number, regardless of how many students are assigned to the student's messenger contact/guardian. Redials are attempted as set on the Redial Settings (configured on the Voice Settings tool). If the emergency message is sent for more than one school (rather than as one message from the district level) or multiple emergency messages are sent by each school, a contact may receive multiple messages on each phone number listed, if that messenger contact has been assigned to more than one student. Students are selected by grade level. If a contact/guardian is receiving messages for students in multiple grade levels, multiple messages on each phone number listed are sent. • Staff Contacts. When an emergency message is sent to school or district staff members, it is delivered to district employees or other school staff that match the Staff Type(s) selected when the emergency message is created. An emergency message can be sent to staff who have a current District Employment record and a current District Assignment record that does NOT have any of the District Assignment checkboxes selected. A message can also be sent to district employees who only have a current District Employment record and no current District Assignment record. This option is only available if the user has access to all calendars. • Student and Staff Contacts. The Student and Staff Contacts option allows you to select student messenger contacts and staff at the same time, combining the options for Student Messenger Contacts and Staff.

Field	Description
School Options	<p>This field determines which schools receive the message. The schools that display are a comprehensive list of schools to which you currently or previously had calendar rights.</p> <p>When the All Schools option is selected, only the schools where you are current year calendar rights are sent a message.</p>
Grade	This field determines which grade(s) receive the message.
Staff Types	This field determines the type of staff member who receives the message.
Ad hoc Filter	<p>The Ad hoc Filter field allows you to limit the message recipients.</p> <p>The dropdown selector includes all Filters and Data Types available to you, but only one can be selected. If you choose to send messages to Student and Staff Contacts DO NOT use an Ad hoc filter based on a Student Data Type, or staff are NOT sent a message (with the exception of any staff who are also currently students).</p>
Delivery Devices	
Inbox	The Inbox option is automatically selected. This option places a note in the parent's portal inbox that a new message is available. Infinite Campus strongly recommends leaving this option marked to ensure delivery to guardians with a Portal Account, but no other delivery device is marked for messages.
Email	The Email option sends an email to the guardian's email address on record (entered in Census > Demographics).
Voice	The Voice option calls the guardian's phone number on record (entered in Census > Demographics).
Text	The Text option sends a text message to the guardian's mobile device. Recipients who have indicated a desire to receive text messages must have the Emergency checkbox marked for Text (SMS) on the Personal Contact Information editor of the Demographics tool to receive text messages.
Message Details	
<p>Create and save templates with your name and contact information (email/phone) in the message body for guardians to reference.</p>	
Reply to Email	This field displays the email address entered in Messenger Settings > Email Settings > Sender Email Address. This field cannot be changed.

Field	Description
Caller ID	This field displays the phone number entered in Messenger Settings > Caller ID Preferences . This field cannot be changed.
Sender Display Name	<p>Entries to this field will be displayed in the recipient's email inbox for easier sender identification.</p>  <p>This field is only available if the Allow Custom Sender Display Name checkbox is marked on the Email Settings tool AND Email is selected as a delivery device in the message template.</p>
Message Subject	This field determines the text displayed in the email message's subject field.
Message Body	<p>The message sent to the Portal Inbox, via email, and by TTS for Voice (if no .wav file) is uploaded.</p> <p><i>Message Body supports the use of Chinese characters for email messages only.</i></p>
Browse and upload a recorded message	<p>This option allows you to send a voice message. For more information about this feature, see the Messenger with Voice—Setup and Details article.</p> <p>After browsing for the attachment, you must click the Upload button. The Attach File message displays on the screen when an attachment is properly uploaded.</p> <p>Uploaded .wav files are played immediately after the Hello Message specified in the Prompt Preferences.</p>
Browse and upload an email attachment	<p>This option allows you to add an attachment to the email. See the Digital Repository Preferences article for information about supported file types and sizes.</p> <p>After browsing for the attachment, you must click the Upload button. The Attach File message displays on the screen when an attachment is properly uploaded.</p> <p>This option is controlled by an email preference set by the District Administrator and may not be displayed in all districts.</p>

Field	Description
Text Message	<p>This field is used to enter the text message sent to mobile devices.</p> <p>The maximum length of a text message is set to 400 characters. When a text message reaches this length, a warning message displays indicating such. The message cannot be saved until the character limit is met.</p> <p>Campus recommends districts stay within a 140 single-text character limit. Messages that exceed this limit but still remain within the 400-character maximum threshold should note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first 100 characters of the message will appear with a trailing URL. After the recipient selects the URL, they will be redirected to a webpage where they can view the entire message. • Unless connected to WiFi, a recipient's cellular data usage will be impacted when following the URL.  <p>Existing text message templates still display in their entirety but must be modified to be within this limit before sending.</p> <p>Users wishing to stop receiving text messages can text STOP to the shortcode. This results in the user receiving no further text messages from Campus, even if the user has the Text option marked on their Contact Preferences. Users need to go through the opt-in process again to start receiving texts at a later date.</p>

Create Templates

Emergency Messenger does not support formatting in templates.

You can create and use templates or create emergency messages as needed.

A district may want to create message templates to use in emergency situations. For example, the district might create templates for emergency situations such as school closures. It is recommended that districts prepare for potential emergencies by creating templates beforehand;

however, templates are not required. Templates can be saved only as text; .wav files cannot be saved because they cannot be customized for a date or time.

1. Verify that the **<New>** value is displayed in the **Template** field.
2. Select **User** (default) or a **User Group** to which the template should be saved from the User/User Group dropdown field. Templates saved under a User Group are available to other members of the group.
3. Mark the checkbox next to the **Delivery Devices** to which you want to send the message.
4. Enter a **Sender Display Name** (if enabled and Delivery Device *Email* is selected).
5. Enter a **Message Subject** to summarize the content of the message.
6. Enter the details of the message in the **Message Body** text box.
7. Complete one of the following options:
 - Click the **Copy from Message Body** option to send the same message as a text message (limited to 140 characters).
 - If not sending the same message, enter the text in the **Text Message** area.

Emergency text messages are only delivered to a recipient as a final attempt at contact. They are **ONLY** sent when all initial emergency phone calls and the scheduled number of redials have been attempted for the number without receipt confirmation from the recipient. Should the recipient confirm receipt of the message (by pressing "0" after listening), all text messages scheduled for delivery to that recipient's phone numbers are canceled. Additional phone calls and/or redials are also canceled.

8. Click the **Save** button to the right of the **Template** field. A pop-up window will appear asking for the template's name.
9. Enter the template name and click **OK**. The template is saved and available for selection within the Template field.

Recipient details are not saved with a template and must be manually selected **each time** the template is used.

Send Emergency Messages

Messages should be sent through the Emergency Messenger tool only when the need for contact is immediate. Unlike other message types, emergency messages cannot be scheduled for a future date or time and are sent immediately after creation.

It is the district's discretion as to what is and is not an emergency message.

When a specific School is selected in the campus toolbar, that school is highlighted as the School Option. If the Campus toolbar has All Schools selected, specify a School Option before sending the message. Emergency message recipients must be specified each time a new message is sent—even when using a saved template. A message may be sent to student messenger contacts/guardians, staff members, or student and staff contacts.

If recording a message using the **Shoutpoint Voice File Recorder**, see the instructions in the [Shoutpoint Voice Recorder](#) article.

1. Complete one of the following options.

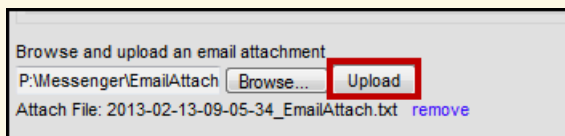
Option	Description
Use an existing template	Select an existing template from the Template dropdown field. If the template was saved under a User Group, select the Group from the User/User Group dropdown field. The Message Subject, Message Body, and Text Message fields populate with the information from the selected template.
Create a new message	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify that the <New> value is displayed in the Template field. 2. Enter a Message Subject to summarize the content of the message. 3. Enter the details of the message in the Message Body text box.

2. Use the [Field Descriptions](#) to complete the Emergency Messenger editor.

The **Ad hoc Filter** includes all Filters and Data Types available to you, but only one can be selected. If you choose to send messages to Student and Staff Contacts, **DO NOT** use an Ad hoc filter based on a Student Data Type, or staff are **NOT** sent a message (except any staff who are also students).

3. Browse and upload an email/voice attachment. (**optional**)

You *must* click the **Upload** button after browsing for the attachment. The Attach File message displays on the screen when an attachment is properly uploaded.



4. Test the Emergency Message.

The **Test** button allows the user to type in a single phone number and email address to which the voice or email message is sent for previewing. This feature should be used to test the text-to-speech pronunciation.

- Click the **Test** button. The test pop-up window displays.
- Enter a **Destination Phone #** in 10-digit format (Enter your number for testing)

purposes).

- Select **Send Test** to prompt the call.
- Click **OK** on the verification.
- Wait several seconds.
- Answer the call and review the message for pronunciation, accuracy, and inclusion of .wav files, if uploaded.

5. Preview the Emergency Message recipients.

The **Preview/Send** button allows the user to preview and modify the recipients and numbers to which the emergency message is sent. The Preview button does not allow the user to listen to the message (which should be done through the Test button).

- Click the **Preview/Send** button. The following window displays.

The **Recipient Count** displays all eligible recipients; however, not all eligible recipients receive a message if they do not have any delivery devices available.

The **Process Inbox Count** displays the number of recipients with Portal accounts.






The **Email Count** displays the number of recipients with email addresses marked to get Emergency messages.

The **Voice/Text Count** displays the number of recipients with phone numbers marked for Emergency messages for either Voice and/or Text (Text is available if purchased by the district).



- Click the **Review Recipients** button to display a list of individuals who will receive the message. All recipients and phone numbers to which the message is sent are displayed for verification. To exclude particular recipients and/or their phone numbers, remove the flag of the appropriate checkboxes.

Recipients: 1-100 [Next 101-200 >>](#)
 Total: 1222

Count	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recipient Name	Student Name	Preview
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anderson, Tammy		
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anderson, Jason		
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anderson, Jennifer		
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anderson, Robert		
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anderson, Steven		

- Click **Save & Return** or **Cancel**.

6. Click the **Send Message** button. The message is immediately sent to the selected recipients.

Infinite Campus recommends testing and previewing the message BEFORE sending.