**Prevention:** Action taken to decrease the likelihood that an emergency will occur

**Mitigation:** Action taken to eliminate or reduce the loss of life and property related to an act that cannot be prevented

**Preparedness:** Developing policies and protocols, incident command systems, training, planning, coordination, and exercise for potential crises

**Response:** Action taken to effectively contain and resolve the crisis or emergency

**Recovery** The process of assisting students and staff in the healing process and restoring educational operation in schools

Source: U.S. Department of Education