

EMERGENCY PLANS/SAFETY DRILLS (*Natural Disasters*)

Natural Disasters (tornadoes, thunderstorms, severe winds, earthquakes) -- A natural disaster would include, but is not limited to, severe weather situations, hazardous material accidents, floods and earthquakes. Disaster implies great or sudden misfortune that results in loss of life or property, or results in serious injury.

Procedure

Because of the diversity of natural disasters, no set guidelines exist that are applicable to all situations; however, the following procedures will generally serve as guidelines in the event of a natural disaster:

1. The building principal or designee will contact emergency services and the building level crisis team, provide them with any necessary information and inform the superintendent's office of the situation.
2. At that time, teachers will immediately clear the hallways and direct students to the appropriate designated safety area.
3. While in the designated safety area, all teachers and students are to maintain sheltered positions.
4. Unless the situation requires otherwise, all doors will remain locked and personnel and students will remain stationary until the all-clear notice is received.

Weather Alerts

A designated member of the school staff should be responsible for monitoring weather conditions via radio, television, Internet or other weather bulletin services as available to the district. This will allow schools to enact necessary measures as quickly as possible.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to review policies and/or forms for related information in this administrative area.

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