



POLICY: EMERGENCIES

1. Fire Drills

Students shall receive instruction so that in case of fire or sudden emergency they shall be able to leave their particular building in the shortest time possible or take such other steps as the particular emergency demands, and without confusion or panic. Fire drills shall be held monthly.

The superintendent is directed to develop emergency evacuation procedures for each building.

2. Earthquakes

The Board recognizes the importance of protecting staff, students and facilities in the event of an earthquake. Facilities shall be designed and maintained in a manner that recognizes the potential danger from such an occurrence. Likewise, staff must be prepared to take necessary action to protect students and staff from harm.

The superintendent shall establish guidelines and action taken by building principals should an earthquake occur while school is in session.

3. Bomb Threats

The superintendent shall establish procedures for action in the event that any threat is received toward the school by telephone, letter, orally or by other means.

4. Emergency School Closure or Evacuation

When weather conditions or other circumstances make it unsafe to operate schools, the superintendent is directed to determine whether schools should be started late, closed for the day, or transportation will be provided only on emergency routes. Those decisions will be communicated through community media resources pursuant to a plan developed by the superintendent or designee.

When an emergency within a school or its surrounding area necessitates evacuation and/or total or partial closure of the schools within the district, staff shall be responsible for aiding in the safe evacuation of the students within the endangered school or its surrounding area.

The superintendent shall establish procedures for the emergency closure of a building or department.

LEGAL REFERENCES: RCW28A.305.130(11) Powers and duties generally
(sudden emergency evacuation)

WAC 51-45-003 Uniform fire code standards
WAC 180-41-010 Evacuation of buildings in sudden
through -040 emergency
WAC 180-41-035 Evacuation of buildings in sudden
emergency

MANAGEMENT RESOURCE: *Policy News*, February 1999 Fire drills required monthly