

MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Emergencies

The Board recognizes the importance of planning and preparation to protect students, staff, and facilities in the event of fire, earthquake, windstorm, violence or threats of violence, or other emergencies.

Safety-Related Drills

Students shall receive instruction so that in case of fire or sudden emergency they shall be able to practice the appropriate initial response and/or evacuate their particular building in the shortest time possible, or take such other steps as the particular emergency demands, and without confusion or panic. Safety-related drills shall be held as frequently as may be necessary to assure rapid and orderly evacuation of the building, but not less than one each month school is in session.

Emergency Evacuation

A principal, building administrator, or designee shall direct the evacuation of a school or other building when necessary to protect students or staff.

Emergency Plans

Each District facility shall have and practice an emergency plan, which shall be sufficiently flexible to respond to earthquake, windstorm, explosions, bomb threats, violence or threats of violence, and other emergencies as they may arise.

School Closure

The superintendent is directed to determine whether schools should be started late or closed for the day when weather conditions or other circumstances make it unsafe to operate one or more schools. Those decisions will be communicated through community media resources pursuant to a plan developed by the superintendent or designee.

Emergency Communication and Support

The superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a plan to provide communication and support to schools and other District facilities in emergencies. Emergency plans shall be communicated to and coordinated with fire and rescue, law enforcement, the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management, and other emergency service providers.

Cross References:

4310 Relations with the Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Child Protective Agencies, and the County Health Department

Legal References:

RCW 28A.320.125 Safe school plans — Requirements — Duties of school districts, schools, and educational service districts — Reports — Drills — Rules

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