

**Policy Statement #8110 (Community) Regarding Use of Schools  
as Emergency Shelters**

I. Purpose

- A. To make Calvert County Public Schools buildings and facilities available for use by the public as emergency shelters in times of emergency, crisis or disaster
- B. To ensure proper advanced planning for emergency facility use by local, state and federal agencies
- C. To define the roles and responsibilities of Calvert County Public Schools employees; local, state and federal officials; and emergency response agencies during the time when school facilities are being used as emergency facilities

II. Definitions

- A. Emergency, crisis or disaster – An occasion or instance which, in the determination of the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Maryland, the Calvert Board of County Commissioners, or a government agency or official with designated authority, poses a threat to lives, property, public health or public safety

III. Policy Statement

- A. In times of emergency, crisis or disaster, school buildings and/or facilities may be needed to serve the common good. It is the intention of the Board of Education to meet that need in a structured, well-planned way. To that end, Calvert County Public Schools staff will work with local, state and federal officials and emergency response agencies to develop a clear plan of action that can be implemented when an emergency, crisis or disaster occurs.

IV. Delegation of Authority

- A. The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.

V. Exceptions

- A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.

VI. Review

- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of four years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

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VII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective February 7, 2019.

Citations

State Law:

State Reg.: COMAR 13A.02.02.01-04

Federal Law:

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

Other Citation:

Related Policies

8120 Policy Regarding Use of School Facilities

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