

Notification of Safety Drills

Safety is our number one priority at RPS. Our schools are designed, operated, and maintained to provide a safe environment that supports an effective learning experience for students. RPS works with first responder partners to ensure a safe learning environment. We complete safety drills each year including lock down, fire earthquake, tornado and bus evacuation drills as detailed below. Additionally, each school completes a crisis plan which is updated yearly.

Should you have questions, feel free to speak to your school's principal or call the Department of Safety and Security at 804-780-8550.

Description of Safety Drills

Lockdown

There will be:

- At least one lock-down drill during the first 20 school days, and
- At least two additional lock-down drills during the remainder of the school year.
- Note: Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students are exempt from mandatory participation in lock-down drills during the first 60 days of the school session.

Fire

There will be:

- One fire drill in the first 10 school days,
- A second fire drill at any time within the first 20 school days, and
- One fire drill every following month for the remainder of the school term.

Earthquake

- There will be one earthquake drill done in conjunction with the Great Southeast Shakeout in October. Staff and students will practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On.

Bus Emergency Exit

There will be:

- One bus emergency exit drill in the first 30 school days, and
- A second drill during the second semester.

Tornado

- There will be at least one tornado warning drill per school year.