

## **EMERGENCY DRILLS**

Emergency drills will be planned by the local school principal and staff to practice the orderly movement and placement of students in the safest available areas. The following drills are to be part of the plan:

### Fire Drills

An orderly plan for evacuation of students and staff, in case of fire, will be developed by the principal and staff of each school. Plans are to be developed in cooperation with local fire department officials and rules and regulations as may be set forth by the Code of Alabama and State Fire Marshall's Office.

Fire exit plans are to be posted in each school in all rooms occupied at any time by students.

### Tornado Drills

Tornado drills must be conducted in all schools. Procedures for tornado drills are expected to be developed and conducted in accordance with local Civil Defense guidelines.

### Required Procedure (Tornado Watch)

In the event a tornado watch is issued for areas in which a school is located, the principal or his or her designee of that school shall take all actions as specified in the approved Civil Defense plan. When a tornado watch is in effect at the conclusion of the normal school day, students will be released according to regular dismissal and transportation plans.

### Required Procedure (Tornado Warning)

In the event a tornado warning is issued for areas in which a school is located, the principal or his or her designee at that school should take all actions specified in the approved Civil Defense Plan. If a tornado warning is in effect, students may not be released pursuant to regular transportation plans; however, students may be released during a tornado warning to students' parents/guardians, provided said parents/guardians come to the school and assume custody of their child(ren).

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