

Instruction

Fire and Crisis Drills

Fire and Crisis drills shall be conducted in each school in accordance with state law and regulations. A fire drill shall be held at least once a month in each school building. The initial fire drill must be held not later than thirty days after the first day of each school year. A crisis response drill shall be substituted for one of the required monthly school fire drills every three months. A minimum of ten total drills must be conducted throughout the school year.

Each building Principal shall prepare a fire emergency plan and furnish this information to all teachers and students as to route and manner of exit. Fire drills shall be planned in such a way as to accomplish the evacuation of school buildings in the shortest possible time and in the most efficient and orderly fashion.

The format of the crisis response drill shall be developed in consultation with the appropriate local law enforcement agency. Further, a representative of the law enforcement agency may supervise and participate in any of the required crisis response drills. Such drills shall incorporate the basic protocols of lockdown, evacuation, secure building, and shelter in place. The activation and utilization of the Incident Command System shall also be a part of the crisis response drills.

Principals shall see that all legal requirements pertaining to fire safety are complied with in their buildings. Principals shall keep a record of all fire and crisis response drills held in their schools, stating the date the drill was held and the time required for evacuation of their building and shall furnish such reports to the Superintendent, or their designee as required.

The District shall annually submit a report, by July 1, to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection/Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DESPP/DEMHS) regarding types, frequency and feedback related to the fire drills and crisis response drills, utilizing the DESPP/DEMHS template for such reports.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-231 Fire drills. (as amended by PA 00-220 and PA 09-131)

State of Connecticut Fire Safety Code, Sec. 29-292

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