



What School Stakeholders Should Know *About* School-Centered Emergency Management Plans

Pursuant to KRS 158.162(2)(e) the **Emergency Management Plans (EMP)** shall be excluded from the application of KRS 61.870 to 61.884. They are exempt from Open Records requests.

What Parents/Guardians are entitled to know about a school's emergency preparedness?

1. The school has an EMP (no details of the specific plan should be given out).
2. The EMP is reviewed by school officials each year along with first responders being invited to give their input
3. First responders are annually provided a current copy of the school's EMP and diagram of the school.
4. Teachers receive training on the school's EMP annually.
5. Schools are required to conduct all 4 emergency response drills during the first 30 days of school and again during the month of January. (Fire drills still remain monthly per NFPA 101 Life Safety Code).
 - ✓ Fire
 - ✓ Earthquake,
 - ✓ Lockdown, and
 - ✓ Severe Weather
6. SBDM Councils are to develop a policy to have an EMP in place and annually be reviewed.

Regarding reunification sites: it is deemed a best practice not to "pre-announce" where parents may pick up their children until the students are moved to the location.

Rationale:

1. Parents will usually beat the buses to the site and thus clog-up the streets and impede the movement of staff who are trying to coordinate the reunification process.
2. A perpetrator may be present at the site and do harm to a massive number of students. (Jonesboro, AR, 1998, students shot classmates when they exited the school when the fire alarm was pulled.)
3. **Bottom Line:** If specific EMP information leaks out, the "bad guys" may then be equipped to circumvent EMP strategies