
EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The superintendent shall direct development of plans for evacuation of buildings in case of fire, and for the safeguarding of human life and property in case of civil or other emergencies.

The superintendent shall notify the board president or vice president, board secretary/school business official and the proper local authorities of any civil or other emergency if the emergency so warrants.

The superintendent shall oversee development of a district wide program for emergencies. The program shall provide for:

- A. Cooperation with local government agencies in developing and carrying out a community disaster plan;
- B. As much protection as possible for children at school and on their way to and from school;
- C. Training in individual self-protection and survival techniques for pupils and staff;
- D. Necessary training and instruction for pupil and staff so that the school emergency plan may be carried out with the greatest possible speed and safety;

Fire Drills

Fire drills shall be held at least twice each month for all pupils. The superintendent may order a modification of the fire drills so that they may take the form of indoor drills or of raid dismissals with outdoor clothing when low temperatures prevail.

A written statement of procedures and instructions for fire drills shall be formulated by the superintendent and disseminated to all staff.

Instruction in fire prevention shall be given and emphasized in appropriate courses in the curriculum of the school..

Emergency Closings; Delayed Openings

The superintendent is authorized by the board to close the schools, open them late or dismiss them early in hazardous weather or in other extra-ordinary circumstances which might endanger the health or safety of pupils or school employees.

Each year, parents/guardians, pupils, and staff members shall be informed in advance of how they shall be notified in event of emergency closings. Parents/guardians shall be required to make alternative arrangements for their children in case no is home to receive a child after an unscheduled early closing. In the event that no responsible adult can be contacted, children will remain at school until parent/guardian or designee can be contacted.

Bomb Scares

The buildings shall be evacuated as for a fire drill. Staff shall follow the procedures established by the superintendent to deal with such emergencies.

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Legal Reference:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:6-2	Instruction in accident and fire prevention
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:41	Fire drills and fire protection
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:21-2.5	School closings due to weather or other conditions
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:22	School facility planning services

