

CRISIS PREVENTION & EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS

Category: Recommended

Statement of Purpose:

The Board recognizes that schools are subject to a number of potentially dangerous events, such as natural disasters, industrial accidents, acts of terrorism, and other violent events. No school is immune from these events no matter the size or location. The Board is committed to the prevention of these events, to the extent possible, in the schools and at school-sponsored activities.

Statement of Policy:

All-hazard and fire evacuation drills shall be conducted annually pursuant to Board policy [EBCB](#). The Superintendent will establish a relationship with local and state emergency organizations (e.g., police, fire, ambulance, etc.). The Superintendent, or his/her designee, will serve as a coordinator/liaison with these authorities.

The Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate personnel, and in coordination with local emergency authorities, shall develop a District-wide Crisis Prevention and Response Plan, which must, at a minimum, include a site-specific Emergency Response Plan for each school.

The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that each Emergency Response Plan conforms with the requirements of RSA 189:64, as the same may be amended or replaced, and that each Emergency Response Plan addresses hazards including, but not limited to: acts of violence, threats, natural disasters, fire, hazardous materials, medical emergencies, other hazards deemed necessary by the School Board or local emergency authorities, and information pertaining to the then current Sports Injury Emergency Action Plan as required under Board policy [JLCJ](#). The emergency response plans will be based on and conform to the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System.

The School Board directs the Superintendent to assure that each Emergency Response Plan is reviewed annually (in consultation with appropriate personnel, and in coordination with local emergency authorities), and is updated as necessary. If, after such review, the plan remains unchanged, then the Superintendent shall notify the Department of Education by September 1 that the plan is unchanged. If an Emergency Response Plan is updated/revised, the Superintendent shall submit the updated Emergency Response Plan to the New Hampshire Department of Education no later than September 1.

The District Crisis and Response Plan will be updated annually to include each site-specific Emergency Response Plan as updated, and any other changes as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent will develop an administrative regulation that ensures the effective development and implementation of the district's plan.

Legal References:

RSA 189:64, Emergency Response Plans

RSA 193-D, Safe School Zones

RSA 193-F, Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention

RSA 200:40-c, Emergency Plans for Sports Related Injuries

NH N.H. Dept. of Education Administrative Rule, Ed. 306.04(a)(2), Promoting School Safety

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