

CRISIS PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS

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.

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, at least two times per year the District conducts emergency response drills. The Board or its designee will establish relations with local and state emergency and law enforcement authorities. The Superintendent or his/her designee will serve as a coordinator/liason with these authorities.

Additionally, the Superintendent is responsible for ensuring the District's Emergency Response Plan addresses hazards such as:

- Acts of violence
- Natural disasters
- Fire
- Hazardous materials
- Medical emergencies
- Other hazards deemed necessary by the School Board or local emergency authorities

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 (or designee) shall notify the Department of Education by September 1 that the plan is unchanged. If an Emergency Response Plan is updated/revised, the Superintendent (or designee) shall submit the updated Emergency Response Plan to the New Hampshire Department of Education no later than September 1.

Reference: EBCA-R

Legal References:

RSA 189:64, Emergency Response Plans

Incident Command System Preparations:

www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/ics/prepare_implement.html

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Planning Ahead:

www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm

RSA 193-D, Safe School Zones

RSA 193-F, Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention

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