

Safety Drills and Exercises

Safety drills shall be scheduled by the principal each month during the school year. The purpose of the drills is to train students under staff direction to respond safely, quickly and quietly to a variety of hazards including weather, natural and man-made hazards. The following drills will involve all school staff and students, unless otherwise specified:

<u>Type of Drill</u>	<u>Intervals</u>
Fire	Monthly – The first fire drill shall be conducted within the first 10 days of the beginning of the school year.
Off-site Evacuation	Once every three years <i>In between years: The School Safety Committee will visit the Parent Reunification site and will review procedures and duties with all school staff.</i>
Shelter in Place	Twice in a school year
Lockdown	Twice in a school year
Lockout	Once in a school year <i>Lock out is defined as doors are locked but business as usual continues inside the building. No one may come in or out of the building.</i>

At least twice each year, the School Safety Committee will review procedures and ensure that these required drills are conducted.

Furthermore, in accordance with the School Response Framework statute C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (4):

To the extent possible, each public school shall create an all-hazard exercise program based on NIMS (National Incident Management System), and shall conduct tabletop exercises and other exercises in collaboration with community partners from multiple disciplines and, if possible, multiple jurisdictions to practice and assess preparedness.

To the extent possible, each public school, in collaboration with its school district, shall hold coordinated exercises among school employees and community partners including at a minimum:

- Orientation meetings to inform all parties about emergency operation plans and procedures.
- Drills, in addition to annual fire drills, to improve individual and student emergency procedures.
- Tabletop exercises to discuss and identify roles and responsibilities in different scenarios.

Each public school shall conduct a written evaluation following the exercises and certain incidents as identified by the school or school district and identify and address lessons learned and corrective actions in updating response plans and procedures.

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