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Policy EBBC: Emergency Drills

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It shall be the duty of all principals and teachers to instruct the pupils in the methods of fire and tornado drills. Fire drills shall be practiced until all pupils are familiar with the methods of escape. At least eight (8) fire drills shall be conducted each year at each school to keep children well drilled.

Each building principal shall develop a plan for evacuation of buildings in case of fire and for the safeguarding of human life and property in case of civil emergencies. Building administrators shall be responsible for posting fire exit directions in all school buildings.

It shall also be the duty of all principals and teachers to instruct the pupils in all programs of emergency management as may be designated by the State Department of Education.

Each school shall conduct enough tornado drills to prepare the students should the need arise.

It shall be the duty of the principals and teachers in each building of this school district to instruct the pupils in the methods of fire drills and to practice fire drills and to practice fire drills until all the pupils in the school are familiar with the methods of escape. Such fire drills shall be conducted often enough to keep such pupils well drilled. It shall be the further duty of such principals and teachers to instruct the pupils in all programs of emergency management as may be designated by the State Department of Education.

It shall be the further duty of such principals and teachers to develop and conduct an active shooter drill within the first sixty (60) days of each new school semester for students, teachers, and staff. '37-11-5

The Superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring that each school has a current crisis management plan that includes procedures for bomb threat, fire, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, and shootings. The Superintendent shall also ensure that the principal and staff at each school conduct regular safety drills in the event of an emergency situation related to weapons, weather, or major loss of power.

The Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards for this policy are standards 29 and 31.