

OSBA Model Sample Policy

Code: EBCB
Adopted:

Emergency Procedure Drills and Instruction

{Highly recommended policy. This policy includes information about required instruction and drills on emergency procedures. See ORS 336.071}

Each administrator will conduct emergency procedure drills in accordance with the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and the applicable Oregon Fire Code.

All schools are required to instruct and drill students on district emergency procedures so that students they can respond to an emergency without confusion and panic. The emergency procedures shall include drills and instruction on fires, earthquakes, ~~which shall include~~ and safety threats. Instruction on ~~fires, earthquakes[,] [and] safety threats [and tsunami dangers[†],] and drills for students,~~ emergency procedures shall be conducted for at least 30 minutes each school month.

The first emergency evacuation drill shall be conducted within 10 days of the beginning of classes.

Fire Emergencies

~~The district will conduct monthly fire drills. At least one fire drill will be held within the first 10 days of the school year.~~ Drills and instruction on fire emergencies shall include routes and methods of exiting the school building.

Earthquake Emergencies

{²} At least two drills on earthquakes shall be conducted each year.

Drills and instruction for earthquake emergencies shall include the earthquake emergency response procedure of “drop, cover and hold on” during the earthquake. When based on the evaluation of specific engineering and structural issues related to a building, the district may include additional response procedures for earthquake emergencies.

Safety Threats

At least two drills on safety threats shall be conducted each year. Drills and instruction on safety threats shall include procedures related to lockdown, lockout, shelter in place and evacuation and other appropriate actions to take when there is a threat to safety, and will include explanation of the district’s communication strategy following a safety threat action (See Board policy EBCA - Safety Threats**).

~~The Board may use ORS 192.660(2)(k) to conduct an executive session to consider matters related to school safety or a plan that responds to safety threats made toward a school in the district.~~

[†] This is required language for a district in a tsunami hazard zone.

² {This is required action for a district not in a tsunami hazard zone.}

The district may provide additional instruction relating to other disasters such as flooding, drought, excessive snowfall or wildfires.³

Local units of government and state agencies associated with emergency procedures training and planning shall review the emergency procedures and assist the district with the instruction and the conducting of drills for students in these emergency procedures.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.660\(2\)\(k\)](#)
[ORS 336.071](#)

[ORS 339.324](#)
[ORS 476.030](#)(+)

[OAR 581-022-2225](#)

[OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL](#), OREGON FIRE CODE ~~(2014)~~.

³ The Oregon Department of Education has resources available at <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/grants/pages/threat-and-hazard-resources.aspx>.