

Legal References

EMERGENCIES AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Monitored

Section 1: Operations
Section 3: Governance

Mandated:

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(a)12 requires policy on emergency and crisis management plans.

N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.2(a)2iii requires written policies and procedures to prevent accidents, panic and fire.

Other Reasons:

N.J.S.A. 18A:41-1 requires districts to have at least one fire drill and one school security drill each month within the school hours, including any summer months during which the school is open for instructional programs, beginning November 2010. This requirement for a school security drill each month was added by P.L. 2009 Chapter 178, approved January 11, 2010.

N.J.S.A. 18A:41-7 requires schools to ensure that all full-time teaching staff members in the district or nonpublic school are provided with training on school safety and security that includes instruction on school security drills.

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.1 requires each board of education to establish plans, procedures and mechanisms for responding to emergencies and crises. Plans are to provide for protection of the health, safety and security of the school population and support services for staff, students and their families. The chief school administrator is to consult with law enforcement, health and social services agencies and emergency management planners in the development of these plans.

Recommendation:

A policy directing the chief school administrator to develop procedures for emergencies and disaster preparedness as above; should address early closings; should address any other particular concerns of the district.

<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:6-2</u>	Instruction in accident and fire prevention
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1</u>	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12</u>	Closing schools during epidemic
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:41-1 et seq.</u>	Fire drills and fire protection
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20</u>	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(a)14</u>	District policies and procedures
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.1 et seq.</u>	School Safety and Security
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.3</u>	Reporting students or staff members to law enforcement agencies

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N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.2 Policies and procedures for school facility operation
N.J.A.C. 8:57-1.9 Reporting of diseases by health officers

A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials

Possible

Cross References: *1410 Local units
*2210 Administrative leeway in absence of board policy
*3541.33 Transportation safety
*4131/4131.1 Staff development; inservice education/visitations/conferences
*4231/4231.1 Staff development; inservice education/visitations/conferences
5141.6 Crisis intervention
*6111 School calendar
*6112 School day

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.