

Emergency Drills

Each administrator will conduct emergency drills in accordance with the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes.

All schools are required to instruct and drill students on emergency procedures so that students can respond to an emergency without confusion and panic. The emergency procedures shall include drills and instruction on fires, earthquakes, which shall include tsunami procedures in a coastal zone and safety threats.

Instruction on fires, earthquakes, safety threats and tsunami dangers¹, and drills for students, shall be conducted for at least 30 minutes each school month. The district will conduct monthly fire drills. At least one fire drill will be held within the first 10 days of the school year. At least two drills on earthquakes and two drills on safety threats shall be conducted each year. At least three drills on earthquakes that include tsunami drills shall be conducted each year.¹

Fire Emergencies

Drills and instruction on fire emergencies shall include routes and methods of exiting the school building.

Earthquake and Tsunami Emergencies

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.

Drills and instruction on tsunami emergencies shall include immediate evacuation after an earthquake, when appropriate, or after a tsunami warning to protect students against inundation by tsunamis.¹

Safety Threats

Drills and instruction on safety threats shall include appropriate actions to take when there is a threat to safety, such as lockdown procedures or other procedures appropriate to the safety threat.

¹This is required language for districts in a coastal zone.

Local units of government and state agencies associated with emergency procedures training and planning shall review the emergency procedures.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.071](#)

[ORS 476.030\(1\)](#)

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