



What School Stakeholders Should Know *About* School-Centered Emergency Management Plans

Pursuant to KRS 158.162(2)(e) the **Emergency Management Plans (EMP)** shall be excluded from the application of KRS 61.870 to 61.884. They are exempt from Open Records requests.

What Parents/Guardians are entitled to know about a school's emergency preparedness?

1. The school has an **EMP** (no details of the specific plan should be given out).
2. The **EMP** is reviewed by school officials each year along with first responders being invited to give their input
3. First responders are annually provided a current copy of the school's **EMP** and diagram of the school.
4. Teachers receive training on the school's **EMP** annually.
5. Schools are required to conduct all 4 emergency response drills during the first 30 days of school and again during the month of January. (Fire drills still remain monthly per NFPA 101 Life Safety Code).
 - ✓ Fire
 - ✓ Earthquake,
 - ✓ Lockdown, and
 - ✓ Severe Weather
6. SBDM Councils are to develop a policy to have an **EMP** in place and annually be reviewed.

Regarding reunification sites: it is deemed a best practice not to “pre-announce” where parents may pick up their children until the students are moved to the location.

Rationale:

1. Parents will usually beat the buses to the site and thus clog-up the streets and impede the movement of staff who are trying to coordinate the reunification process.
2. A perpetrator may be present at the site and do harm to a massive number of students. (Jonesboro, AR, 1998, students shot classmates when they exited the school when the fire alarm was pulled.)
3. **Bottom Line:** If specific **EMP** information leaks out, the “bad guys” may then be equipped to circumvent **EMP** strategies.