

Veterans Park Elementary School EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN POLICY

The school Council shall adopt an emergency management plan (emergency plan) that will include procedures for fire, severe weather, earthquake, and building and campus lockdown as required by KRS 160.345(2)(i)9, KRS 158.162 and KRS 158.164. The emergency plan shall set forth steps to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies. First responders, for the purpose of this policy, include local fire personnel, local, county and /or state police personnel, and emergency medical personnel. The district coordinator for the emergency plan will arrange the work with the first responders.

I. CONTENTS OF PLAN

The emergency plan shall include procedures required by this policy and address the following:

1. Establishment of primary and secondary evacuation routes which shall be posted in each room by each doorway used for evacuation
2. Identification of severe weather safe zones that have been reviewed by the fire marshal/fire chief, which shall be posted in each room
3. Practices for students to follow in an earthquake, fire, and severe weather
4. Development and adherence to access control measures for each school building
5. Procedures for lockdown of the building and campus; local law enforcement shall be invited to assist in establishing lockdown procedures.
6. Policy development, review and revision will include using the resources from the Kentucky Center for School Safety and local board of education policy.

II. DISTRIBUTION OF THE PLAN

Following adoption and after any revisions, the emergency plan and diagrams of the facilities shall be provided to local first responders. Annually, the principal is responsible for working with the district office to ensure that local first responders have a current diagram of the school that notes the primary and secondary evacuation routes, the severe weather safe zones and notations of the exterior and front entrance access points. Documentation of this distribution to first responders will be reported to the school Council by the August meeting each year and a copy will be sent to the district office.

Due to the need to maintain student and staff safety and security, the emergency plan and diagram of the facility shall not be disclosed in response to any Open Records request. KRS 158.162. The emergency plan may be disclosed to necessary school personnel, local first responders and to other persons with the permission of the principal.

III. TRAINING AND DRILLS

Prior to the first instructional day of school, the principal, or designee, shall discuss the

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emergency plan with all school staff. Staff members will receive an outline of the emergency plan which includes their responsibilities during emergency situations. Documentation of completion, including the time and date of the discussion and staff member signatures, will be kept on file at the school with a copy sent to the district office.

The school shall conduct emergency response drills including the minimum below within the first thirty (30) instructional days of each school year AND during the month of January:

- one (1) severe weather drill
- one (1) earthquake drill
- one (1) building lockdown drill
- one (1) fire drill (Fire drills will be conducted in accordance with administrative regulations of the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction.)

All drills shall follow, at a minimum, all local school board policies. Whenever possible, first responders shall be given notice of possible drills and invited to observe. The Principal is responsible for ensuring the implementation of these drills and reporting completion and problems noted during the drill to the district office for any remedial action needed.

IV. ANNUAL REVIEW

At the end of each school year, the emergency plan shall be reviewed by the school Council and first responders and revised as needed.