



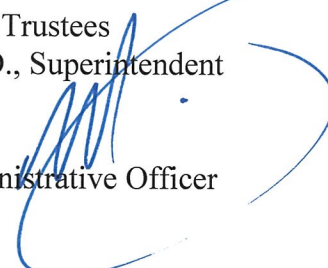
**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees  
Christina S. Melton, Ed.D., Superintendent

FROM: Dr. Michael R. Harris  
Chief Planning and Administrative Officer

DATE: June 3, 2019

RE: June 10, 2019 Board Meeting, Second and Final Reading.  
Proposed Revisions to Board Policy EBCB “Safety Drills”



Recommendation:

The administration recommends that proposed revisions to Policy EBCB “Safety Drills” proceed for Board approval.

Attachments: Revised Policy EBCB “Safety Drills”  
Current Policy EBCB “Safety Drills”

## Revised Policy Recommendation

### SAFETY DRILLS

Code **EBCB** Issued

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For the safety of students and district staff, safety drills are conducted throughout the school year. District staff will fully cooperate to carry out all drills and will train students in prompt and orderly evacuation.

#### **Fire Drills**

Schools will conduct, at a minimum, monthly fire drills. Each drill will be conducted in accordance with guidelines developed by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) and the State Fire Marshal.

#### **Active Shooter/Intruder Drills**

Schools will conduct, at a minimum, two active shooter/intruder drills each school year, one during each semester. Each drill will be conducted in accordance with guidelines developed by the SCDE and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

The district will utilize a nationally recognized training method that will be conducted in a manner that is developmentally appropriate for all participants. All drills will be inclusive and necessary accommodations for participants with disabilities will be provided. To the extent possible, all school personnel will participate in active shooter/intruder drills. All personnel will receive active shooter/intruder and security training, at a minimum, twice per year.

#### **Severe Weather/Earthquake Drills**

Schools will conduct, at a minimum, two severe weather/earthquake drills each school year, one during each semester. Each drill will be conducted in accordance with guidelines developed by the SCDE.

Adopted ^

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#### Legal References:

- A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
  - 1. Section 59-17-160 - Model fire and safety policy and program guidelines; posting requirement.
  - 2. Section 59-63-910, *et seq.* - Required public school drills.
- B. S.C. State Board of Education Regulations:
  - 1. R43-166 - Student and school safety; emergency and disaster plans.

## Policy EBCB Safety Drills

Issued 10/13

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the conduct of school safety drills.

### Fire evacuation drills

Schools will conduct fire evacuation drills at least once each month as required by law. The staff will fully cooperate to carry out this legal requirement and will train students in prompt and orderly evacuations. All staff must participate in fire evacuation drills.

### Natural disaster drills

To provide for the protection of students in the event of multi-hazards that may threaten the school and surrounding community, the district will develop school emergency guidelines and a mandatory drill list for review annually. Each school will conduct a minimum of one tornado and one earthquake drill beginning August of each school year. The district will further ensure that each school will provide an overview of these drill procedures for new students and staff.

Adopted 2/24/69: Revised 11/16/81, 5/3/93, 10/28/13

Legal references:

S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

Section 59-23-210, *et. seq.* - School building codes, specifications and inspections.

Sections 59-63-910 through 59-63-930 - Fire drills.

State Board of Education Regulations:

R-43-166 - Student and school safety.

School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties