

FIRE DRILLS

NEPN/NSBA Code: EBCB

In order to protect the health and safety of students and staff and in compliance with the provisions of the Life Safety Code, schools are required to hold two fire drills during the first two weeks of school and will hold an additional eight fire drills during the year.

The principal, in cooperation with local fire officials, will develop procedures designed to accomplish the evacuation of school buildings as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Principals shall keep a record of all fire drills held in their schools, stating the date and time the drill was held and the time required for evacuation of the building. This information will be reported to the superintendent or his/her designee after each drill. Fire officials will be notified before each drill.

Staff members will receive an annual orientation to this procedure, and the fire drill procedure will be prominently displayed in each classroom. At the beginning of each school year, principals will ensure that each teacher acquaints the students under his/her care with the designated evacuation routes.

Legal Reference: MRSA CHAP. 125.17, B

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