

Reference EB, EBCB, JICK, JLCJA

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS

The Board recognizes that schools are subject to a number of potentially dangerous events, such as natural disasters, industrial accidents, acts of terrorism, and other violent events. No school is immune from these events no matter the size or location. The Board is committed to the prevention of these events, to the extent possible, in the schools and at school-sponsored activities.

All-hazard and fire evacuation drills shall be conducted annually pursuant to Board Policy EBCB. The Superintendent will establish a relationship with local and state emergency (e.g., police, fire, ambulance, etc.). The Superintendent, or his/her designee, will serve as a coordinator/liaison with these authorities.

The Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate personnel, and in coordination with local emergency authorities, shall develop an Emergency Operations Plan for each school.

The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that each Emergency Operations Plan conforms with the requirements of RSA 189:64, as the same may be amended or replaced, and that each Emergency Response Plan addresses hazards including, but not limited to: acts of violence, threats, natural disasters, fire, hazardous materials, medical emergencies, other hazards deemed necessary by the School Board or local emergency authorities, and information pertaining to the then current Sports Injury Emergency Action Plan as required under Board Policy JLCJA. The emergency response plans will be based on and conform to the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System.

The School Board directs the Superintendent to assure that each Emergency Operations Plan is reviewed annually (in consultation with appropriate personnel, and in coordination with local emergency authorities), and is updated as necessary. If, after such review, the plan remains unchanged, then the Superintendent shall notify the Department of Education by September 1 that the plan is unchanged. If an Emergency Operations Plan is updated/revised, the Superintendent shall submit the updated Emergency Operations Plan to the New Hampshire Department of Education no later than September 1.

Legal References:

RSA 189:64, Emergency Response Plans

RSA 193-D, Safe School Zones

RSA 193-F, Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention

RSA 200:40-c, Emergency Plans for Sports Related Injuries

NH N.H. Dept. of Education Administrative Rule, Ed. 306.04(a)(2), Promoting School Safety

Legal References Disclaimer: *These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*

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