

PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

EBCB – FIRE AND ALL HAZARD DRILLS

Category: Recommended

Under rules of the New Hampshire Department of Safety each school is required to conduct a fire evacuation drill each month that school is in session. However, pursuant to RSA 189:64, I, at least four (4) such drills shall be all-hazard response drills, and at least one (1) of those must test emergency response to an armed assailant. The armed assailant drill may be discussion-based. The scheduling, as well as the types and manner of drills and exercises for the all-hazard drills shall be determined by the building principal in consultation with the Superintendent, and local public safety, emergency management, and public health officials. The school may include students and first responders in all-hazard response drills or activities as deemed appropriate by the building principal and Superintendent. The remaining fire evacuation drills should be *for each building* by the building principal in coordination with the local fire department.

The purpose of such drills is to train students, under staff direction, to move safely, quickly, and quietly from any location within the building to an assigned evacuation area outside. The evacuation routes and procedures shall be developed in collaboration with the same agencies identified above for scheduling, and in accordance with the District's annual Crisis Prevention and Emergency Response Plan. Records of such drills shall be kept in accordance with that Plan, Board policy EH, and administrative procedure EH-R.

District Policy History:

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Legal References:

RSA 189:64, Emergency Response Plans

N.H. Dept. of Safety Administrative Rule – Saf-C 6008.04 and 6008.05, Adoption of, and Modifications to, Life Safety Code.