

Emergency Procedure Drills and Instruction

The ESD will conduct emergency procedure drills in accordance with the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and the applicable Oregon Fire Code.

The ESD will conduct at least two drills on earthquakes and two drills on other safety threats each year.

Students served in ESD facilities shall participate in emergency procedures. The emergency procedures shall include drills and instruction on fires and earthquakes, which shall include tsunami procedures in a coastal zone and safety threats.

All ESD classrooms will conduct monthly fire drills in accordance with State Fire Code, with the first drill occurring within the first ten days of the school year.

Fire Emergencies

Drills and instruction on fire emergencies shall include routes and methods of exiting the ESD facilities.

Earthquake and Tsunami Emergencies

At least two drills on earthquakes shall be conducted each year¹. At least three drills on earthquakes that include tsunami drills shall be conducted each year².

Drills and instruction for earthquake emergencies shall include the earthquake emergency response procedure of “drop, cover and hold on” during the earthquake. When based on the evaluation of specific engineering and structural issues related to a building, the ESD may include additional response procedures for earthquake emergencies.

Drills and instruction on tsunami emergencies shall include immediate evacuation after an earthquake, when appropriate, or after a tsunami warning to protect students against inundation by tsunamis³.

Safety Threat

At least two drills on safety threats shall be conducted each year. Drills and instruction on safety threats shall include procedures related to lockdown, lockout, shelter in place and evacuation and other appropriate actions to take when there is a threat to safety, and will include the school’s communication strategy following a safety threat action (See Board policy EBCA – Safety Threats**).

¹ This is required action for a school not in a tsunami hazard zone.

² This is required action for a school in a tsunami hazard zone.

³ This is a required action for a school in a tsunami hazard zone.

The ESD may provide additional instruction relating to other disasters such as flooding, drought, excessive snowfall or wildfires.⁴

Local units of government and state agencies associated with emergency procedures training and planning may review the emergency procedures.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.071](#)

[ORS 476.030\(1\)](#)

[ORS 339.324](#)

[OAR 581-024-0275](#)

OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL, OREGON FIRE CODE

⁴ The Oregon Department of Education has resources available at <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/grants/pages/threat-and-hazard-resources.aspx>.