

TERRELL COUNTY BOARD POLICY
Emergency Plan

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Emergency Preparedness Plan

In cooperation with the Terrell County Emergency Management Agency, the Terrell County School System shall develop an Emergency Preparedness Plan. The Emergency Preparedness Plan is designed to assist schools and the central office in organizing personnel in an effective manner in the event of an emergency

The Board will comply with Terrell County's Emergency Operations Plan and assist as requested. A copy of the Emergency Preparedness Plan shall be maintained in the Superintendent's office.

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will represent the Board of Education at emergency preparedness meetings and drills.

Emergency Drills

Tornado and fire drills are required by State law. These drills are for the protection of the student body. Students shall follow the directions of the teacher and staff. Anyone turning in false alarms may be subject to suspension.

Fire drills will be held monthly. The first drill will be announced and others unannounced.

Exit procedures will be followed according to the diagram posted in each room. Bomb threats will be treated as fire drills.

Safety Inspections

Regular safety inspections of buildings and grounds shall be conducted by the school principals. All emergency equipment, fire extinguishers, fire alarms, emergency exit lights, door handles, etc. shall be inspected on a regular basis to make certain that they are in correct working order.

System-Wide Emergencies

In the event an emergency should prevent schools from following the regular schedules, it is necessary to notify school personnel, parents, and students. This can be accomplished through the use of radio/television and telephones. School personnel should listen, during questionable time, for announcements of possible irregular schedules for school. Each principal will notify parents and students that they will receive from radio/television stations instructions as to the operation of the schools during an emergency.

The procedures for handling a system-wide emergency resulting from weather conditions is as follows:

A. Should school open later than usual in the morning due to an emergency, the students will still be dismissed at the regular time in the afternoon.

B. Should it become necessary for schools to be dismissed because of an emergency, the principals will be notified by the Superintendent's office.

C. Once an official decision has been reached to close schools, the administrators for various buildings will establish a schedule with their staffs for protecting the buildings and checking the condition of the buildings on a regularly scheduled basis.