

**BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT #52  
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT**

Subject: **Emergency Drills and Instruction**

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**POLICY**

Each administrator will conduct emergency drills in accordance with the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS).

All schools are required to instruct and drill students on emergency procedures so that students can respond to an emergency without confusion and panic. The emergency procedures shall include drills and instruction on fires, earthquakes and safety threats.

Instruction and drills for students on fires, earthquakes and safety threats shall be conducted for at least 30 minutes each school month.

**Fire Emergencies**

The District will conduct monthly fire drills. At least one fire drill will be held within the first 10 days of the school year. Drills and instruction on fire emergencies shall include routes and methods of exiting the school building.

**Earthquake Emergencies**

At least two drills on earthquakes shall be conducted each year<sup>1</sup>. 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 District may include additional response procedures for earthquake emergencies.

**Safety Threats**

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.

The Board may use ORS 192.660(2)(k) to conduct an executive session to consider matters related to school safety or a plan that responds to safety threats made toward a school in the District.

**REPORTS**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

**END OF POLICY**

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<sup>1</sup> Local units of government and state agencies associated with emergency procedures training and planning shall review the emergency procedures and assist the District with the instruction and the conducting of drills for students in these emergency procedures.

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 192.660\(2\)\(k\)](#)

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[ORS 336.071](#)

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

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