

Obion County Board of Education

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1 The director of schools shall be responsible for developing, maintaining and acquiring Board approval
2 of the district Emergency Preparedness Plan,¹ which shall include procedures for cases of nuclear or
3 bomb threat, civil disturbance, earthquake, fire, tornado or other severe weather, and medical emergen-
4 cies, such as pandemic flu outbreak.

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6 Earthquake, tornado, fire, and emergency drills shall be conducted frequently. A record of all drills,
7 including time and date, shall be maintained by each principal. This record shall be available upon
8 request to the State Fire Marshal or his assistants for inspection and review. Fire drills shall include the
9 complete evacuation of all persons in the building. All doors serving as exits to the outside shall be kept
10 in "panic mode" during the period the building is occupied so that students and employees may exit the
11 building. Earthquake, tornado, and emergency drills will follow the acceptable practices as outlined by
12 the Civil Defense Department.

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14 The principal shall be responsible for ensuring that a sufficient number of drills is conducted in order to
15 give instruction and practice in proper actions by staff and students. One fire drill requiring full evacu-
16 ation shall be given every month during the school year, with an additional fire drill to be conducted
17 within the first thirty (30) days of operation. Three (3) additional safety drills shall be given during the
18 school year. These drills may include inclement weather, earthquake, intruder or other emergency drills
19 that do not require full evacuation. However, at least one of these additional safety drills shall focus on
20 the potential threat of an armed intruder(s) gaining access to the school.²

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22 In the event of any threats to safety, students will be retained at school when less than one hour of warn-
23 ing time is given, unless parents or persons authorized by the parents pick up their children.

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25 The principal shall regularly check the quantity, locations, and conditions of fire extinguishers and shall
26 give all school personnel instructions in the proper use of them in their building.

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30 In the event of medical emergencies, such as a pandemic flu outbreak, school officials shall cooperate and
31 consult with the local and state health departments and other local emergency or healthcare providers in
32 protecting students and the community from further infection. The director of schools shall develop pro-
33 cedures for health emergencies using as reference the state's 2006 Pandemic Influenza Response Plan.³

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37 Legal Reference:

- 38 1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.03(17)
- 39 2. TCA 68-102-137 (b) (f)
- 40 3. Tennessee Department of Health Pandemic Influenza Response Plan
41 <http://www2.state.tn.us/health/CEDS/pandemic.htm>

Cross Reference:

- Emergency Closings 1.8011
Community Use of School Facilities 3.206