

ORS 336.071

Emergency drills and instruction

336.071 Emergency drills and instruction; maintenance of exit doors. (1) All schools are required to instruct and drill students on emergency procedures so that the students can respond to an emergency without confusion or panic. The emergency procedures shall include drills and instruction on:

(a) Fires;

(b) Earthquakes, which shall include tsunami drills and instruction in schools in a coastal zone; and

(c) Safety threats.

(2)(a) Drills and instruction on fire emergencies shall include routes and methods of exiting the school building.

(b) Drills and instruction on earthquake emergencies shall include the earthquake emergency response procedure known as “drop, cover and hold on.” A school may drill earthquake emergency response procedures in addition to “drop, cover and hold on” when the school determines, based on evaluation of specific engineering and structural issues related to a building, that “drop, cover and hold on” may not be the most effective earthquake emergency response procedure to prevent or limit injury or loss of life.

(c) 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 tsunamis.

(d) Drills and instruction on safety threats shall include appropriate actions to take when there is a threat to safety, such as lockdown procedures if those procedures are appropriate to the safety threat.

(3)(a) At least 30 minutes in each school month shall be used to instruct students on the emergency procedures described in subsection (1) of this section.

(b) At least two drills on earthquakes shall be conducted each year.

(c) At least two drills on safety threats shall be conducted each year.

(d) In schools in a coastal zone, at least three drills on earthquakes and tsunamis shall be conducted each year.

(4) All schools shall maintain all exit doors so that the doors can be opened from the inside without a key during school hours.

(5) Units of local government and state agencies associated with emergency procedures training and planning shall:

(a) Review emergency procedures proposed by schools; and

(b) Assist schools in the instruction and drilling of students in emergency procedures.

(6) As used in this section, “school” means any:

(a) Kindergarten through grade eight public or private school; or

(b) Educational institution having an average daily attendance of 50 or more students. [1995 c.312 §2 (enacted in lieu of 336.072); 1997 c.521 §9; 2013 c.463 §1]