



**NORTH ALLEGHENY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SECTION:	OPERATIONS
TITLE:	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
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Section 1. Purpose

The Board recognizes its responsibility to safeguard the health and welfare of District students and employees. Therefore, the Board shall provide the facilities, equipment, and training necessary to minimize the effects of all hazards and emergencies, including but not limited to natural disasters, hazardous chemicals, fires, weapons, bomb threats, terrorism, communicable diseases, and pandemics. Advance planning and comprehensive implementation are key components in ensuring the protection of the school community.

Section 2. Authority

- a. The District, in cooperation with the local Emergency Management Agency and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), shall develop and implement a comprehensive crisis response and emergency preparedness plan, consistent with the guidelines developed by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and other applicable state requirements.
- b. The Board shall also utilize the resources of and comply with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- c. The Board shall ensure that emergency and evacuation drills are conducted at intervals required by state law.

Section 3. Delegation of Responsibility

- a. The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including parent(s)/guardian(s), staff, community agencies, and first responders during the development and implementation of the emergency preparedness plan.
- b. The Superintendent or designee shall implement a communication system to notify parent(s)/guardian(s) of the evacuation of students and to alert the

35 Pa. C.S.A.
Sec. 7701

SC 1517, 1518
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Sec. 770

<p>SC 1517</p>	<p>entire school community when necessary.</p> <p>c. Annually, by April 10, the Superintendent shall certify that emergency and evacuation drills have been conducted in the manner prescribed by law. District staff shall be trained to assist in implementing the emergency preparedness plan.</p>
<p>SC 1302.1-A 35 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 7701</p>	<p>Section 4. <u>Guidelines</u></p> <p>The emergency preparedness plan shall be maintained in each District building, be reviewed at least annually, and be modified as necessary. A copy of the plan shall be provided to the Emergency Management Agency and each local police department with jurisdiction over the school property. The emergency preparedness plan shall be communicated to students, parent(s)/guardian(s), the community, and other relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>Section 5. <u>Memorandum of Understanding</u></p>
<p>SC 1303-A Pol. 909</p>	<p>a. As required by state law and regulation and as an essential element of the emergency preparedness plan, the Superintendent shall execute a Memorandum of Understanding with each local police department that has jurisdiction over District property. The Memorandum of Understanding shall be signed by the Superintendent, police chief, and each building principal.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A Pol. 218, 218.1, 218.2, 222, 227</p>	<p>b. The Memorandum of Understanding shall comply with state law and regulations and set forth procedures to be followed regarding incidents that include, but are not limited to, acts of violence, weapons, terrorist controlled substances, alcohol, and tobacco.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>c. The Memorandum of Understanding may specify other matters related to crime prevention mutually agreed upon by the Superintendent and the local police departments who has jurisdiction over the school property.</p>
<p>SC 1303-A</p>	<p>d. Every two (2) years, the Memorandum of Understanding shall be updated by the Superintendent, re-executed with the appropriate police department, and filed with the Office of Safe Schools.</p>
<p>35 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 7701</p>	<p>Section 6. <u>Continuity Of Student Learning/Core Operations</u></p> <p>a. In the event of an emergency, local, county, or state officials may require that schools be closed to serve as mass-care facilities or to mitigate the spread of infection or illness. Local, county, or state officials may also utilize District-owned buses and other transportation vehicles.</p> <p>b. The District shall make provisions in the emergency preparedness plan for the continuity of student learning during school closings or excessive absences. Such alternatives may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Web-based District instruction.

