

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION COMMON BOARD POLICY MANUAL

BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

E.13 OPTIONS-BASED RESPONSE TO VIOLENT INTRUDER DRILLS, FIRE DRILLS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

(REQUIRED)

I. Policy

It is the policy of the North Country Supervisory Union (NCSU) and member school districts to require each school site to conduct age-appropriate options-based response to violent intruder drills and fire drills, and to adopt and maintain an all-hazards emergency operations plan, as part of the member school district's overall school safety plan.

II. Definitions

- A. **Options-based Response to Violent Intruder Drill:** Different actions educators and students can take if confronted by a violent intruder.
- B. **School Site:** School building(s) operated by NCSU member school districts.
- C. **All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan:** A plan based on district or school-wide risk assessment and input from local emergency management officials and emergency first responders as to the threats and vulnerabilities that may affect the district.

III. Administrative Responsibilities

The superintendent or designee shall ensure that:

- A. Each school site in the Supervisory Union conducts age-appropriate, options-based response to violent intruder drills in the fall and spring semester of each academic year. The member school district must evaluate which approach is best and adapt that approach to the developmental level of their students, including for students with disabilities, language barriers, and mobility needs.
- B. Options-based response to violent intruder drills are conducted following the guidance issued by the Vermont School Safety Center and the Vermont School Crisis Planning Team, which includes trauma-informed best practices for implementing options-based response to violent intruder drills.
- C. Parents and guardians are notified not later than one school day before an options-based response to violent intruder drill is conducted.
- D. Completion of the options-based response to violent intruder drills is reported to the Agency of Education in a format approved by the Secretary.
- E. Fire drills are conducted following current guidance issued by the Vermont School Safety Center and the Vermont School Crisis Planning Team.
- F. An all-hazards emergency operations plan is adopted and maintained for each school site that is at least as comprehensive as the template maintained by the Vermont School Safety Center. This plan must be reviewed and updated annually and in collaboration with local emergency first responders and local emergency management officials.

Boards	Revised	Revised
Brighton	08/09/2023	mm/dd/yyyy
Charleston	08/09/2023	mm/dd/yyyy
Coventry	08/16/2023	mm/dd/yyyy
Derby	08/07/2023	mm/dd/yyyy
Holland	NA	
Jay/Westfield	08/08/2023	mm/dd/yyyy
Lowell	08/21/2023	mm/dd/yyyy
Morgan	NA	
Newport City	08/14/2023	mm/dd/yyyy
Newport Town	08/16/2023	mm/dd/yyyy
Troy	08/03/2023	mm/dd/yyyy
NCUHS	08/22/2023	mm/dd/yyyy
NCUJHS	08/22/2023	mm/dd/yyyy
NCSU	08/17/2023	mm/dd/yyyy