

NORTH COUNTRY SUPERVISORY UNION COMMON BOARD POLICY MANUAL

BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

E.13 FIRE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRILLS

(REQUIRED)

I. Policy

It is the policy of the North Country Supervisory Union (NCSU) to require each school site to conduct options-based response drills in the fall and spring of each academic year, 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 Drill:** For the purpose of this policy, options-based response drill means that there are different actions educators and students can take if confronted by an active shooter/intruder.

B. **School site:** School building(s) operated by NCSU member School District.

III. Administrative Responsibilities

The superintendent or designee will ensure that:

- A. Each school site in the Supervisory Union conducts age-appropriate, options-based response drills, including fire drills, in the fall and spring of each academic year. The school 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. The options-based response drills follow 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 drills.
- C. Parents and guardians are notified not later than one school day before an options-based response drill is conducted.
- D. Completion of the biannual drills is reported to the Agency of Education in a format approved by the Secretary.
- E. On or by July 1, 2024, an all-hazards emergency operations plan is adopted and maintained for each school site. This plan must be reviewed and updated annually and in collaboration with local emergency first responders and local emergency management officials.

Cross Reference:

E.7 School Crisis Prevention and Response

E.14 Access Control and Visitor Management

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