

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

805. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>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, for example, 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.</p>
<p>2. Authority 35 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 7701</p>	<p>The district, in cooperation with the local Emergency Management Agency and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), shall develop and implement a comprehensive disaster response and emergency preparedness plan, consistent with the guidelines developed by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and other applicable state requirements. This plan is Board approved and hereafter known as the All-Hazards Plan.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall also utilize the resources of and comply with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.</p>
<p>SC 1517, 1518 35 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 7701</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall ensure that emergency and evacuation drills are conducted at intervals required by state law.</p>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including parents/guardians, staff, community agencies and first responders, during the development and implementation of the emergency preparedness plan.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall implement a communication system to notify parents/guardians of the evacuation of students and to alert the entire school community when necessary.</p>

<p>4. Guidelines 35 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 7701</p>	<p>The emergency preparedness plan shall be reviewed at least annually and modified as necessary by the district All-Hazards Committee as explained in the All-Hazards Plan. A copy of the Plan shall be provided to the county Emergency Management Agency, with the local police and fire departments that have jurisdiction over school property and communicated to students, parents/guardians, relevant stakeholders, and the community. The All-Hazards Plan shall be considered the Administrative Regulation of this policy, exclusive of confidential pieces.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1517, 1518</p> <p>Disaster Prevention – 35 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 7701</p> <p>Board Policy – 810</p>
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