

6.44 FIRE, TORNADO WARNING AND SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS

A. Fire and tornado drills shall be held at least once each month in accordance with O.R.C. §3737.73.

Order and speed shall be stressed.

Definite instructions shall be posted in each room as to the route and manner of exit.

Fire drills and tornado warnings can be held without warning.

Each teacher shall be instructed on the use and location of all extinguisher and fire bells within the building.

Principals and custodians shall cooperate with the local fire chief in keeping the building free from fire hazards.

Teachers should be instructed as to how to give the warning and operate the fire alarm system in case of fire. As soon as the alarm has been set, pupils and staff should immediately evacuate the building in accordance with the posted directions and regulations.

B. On or before December 1 of each school year, the principal of each building also shall conduct a school safety drill. The principal must keep a written record of the date and time of each school safety drill and give 72 hours advance written notice of the date and time of the drill and the school's address to the local law enforcement official.

On or before December 5 of each school year, the principal must certify to the local law enforcement official that the school safety drill has been conducted.

The principal shall hold annual training sessions for building employees regarding the conduct of school safety drills.

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