

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

POLICY

The Rainy River District School Board will ensure that emergency response procedures are in place and that all schools develop emergency response plans.

RATIONALE

The Rainy River District School Board recognizes that situations may arise which require immediate action in order to provide for the safety of students and staff.

IMPLEMENTATION

As per *Procedure 7.22 Emergency Response, Police/School Board Response Protocol, Procedure 7.45 Fire Safety – Fire Detection, Egress Devices and Fire Fighting Equipment*, and guidelines.

GUIDELINES

1.0 Emergency Response Procedures

- 1.1 Principals are responsible for developing, coordinating, and communicating emergency response plans in accordance with the Board's emergency response procedures, and Police/School Board Response Protocol for the following:
 - situations requiring evacuation of the school
 - situations requiring consultation with police, fire and/or Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
 - municipal level emergencies
- 1.2 Principals shall ensure that the school emergency response plans are submitted annually for review to the Director of Education or designate.
- 1.3 At least annually, principals shall:
 - review emergency response procedures and plans with students and staff.
 - ensure that the emergency response plans address issues of accessibility.
 - ensure that the emergency response plans are practiced with students and staff.
 - communicate the emergency response plans to parents.
 - communicate to community partners (e.g., police, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), fire department) the individual school plans.

2.0 Temporary Closing of a School or Schools

- 2.1 The Board hereby authorizes the Director of Education or designate to close a school or schools for a temporary period where there is a threat, perceived or actual, to student and staff safety due to:
 - inclement weather,
 - fire,
 - flood,

- the breakdown of the school heating plant,
- the failure of an essential utility, or
- a similar emergency.

The Director or designate shall communicate to the Board the temporary closure of a school or schools, as soon as reasonably possible.

CROSS-REFERENCE	LEGAL/MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REFERENCE
<p>Procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7.22 Emergency Response ▪ 7.45 Fire Safety – Fire Detection, Egress Devices and Fire Fighting Equipment <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Police/School Board Response Protocol ▪ Joint Transportation Policy and Procedure ▪ School emergency response plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Education Act</i>, s. 19 (1-2); s 265; s. 286 ▪ Ont. Reg 298 Operation of Schools, S. 6 ▪ Ont. Reg 454 ▪ Ontario Fire Code Part 6 – Fire Protection Equipment ▪ <i>Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act</i> ▪ Ministry of Education Guidelines for Developing and Maintaining Lockdown Procedures for Elementary and Secondary Schools in Ontario