

Chapter 336

Conduct of Schools Generally; Emergency Drills and Instruction; Maintenance of Exit Doors

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(2)(a) Drills and instruction on fire emergencies shall include routes and methods of exiting the school building.

(b) Drills and instruction on earthquake emergencies shall include methods of “duck, cover and hold” during the earthquake. Drills and instruction on tsunami emergencies shall include immediate evacuation after an earthquake when appropriate or after a tsunami warning to protect students against inundation by tsunamis.

(3) At least 30 minutes in each school month shall be used to instruct students on fire, earthquake, and where appropriate, tsunami dangers and drills. At least two drills on earthquakes shall be conducted each year. In schools in a coastal zone, at least three drills on earthquakes and tsunamis shall be conducted each year.

(4) All schools shall maintain all exit doors so that the doors can be opened from the inside without a key during school hours.

(5) Units of local government and state agencies associated with emergency procedures training and planning shall assist schools in the instruction and drilling of students in emergency procedures.

(6) As used in this section, “school” means any:

(a) Kindergarten through grade eight public or private school; or

(b) Educational institution having an average daily attendance of 50 or more students. [1995 c.312 §2 (enacted in lieu of 336.072); 1997 c.521 §9]