

Code of Maryland Regulations 13A.02.02.01-.04 – Emergency Plans

.01 Scope.

This chapter sets forth the requirements for emergency plans that shall be developed and implemented by each local school system in Maryland.

.02 Definitions.

A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meaning indicated.

B. Terms Defined.

(1) "Local school system" means any of the 24 local public school systems in the State.

(2) "Emergency plan" means a plan for each school system and each public school within the school system that addresses mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery to an emergency including responding to:

(a) Violent or traumatic events on school grounds during regular school hours or during school-sponsored activities; or

(b) Events in the community that affect normal school functioning.

(3) "Drill" means a formalized exercise by which school system personnel, school staff, or students rehearse the plan or portions of the plan.

(4) "Mitigation" means a preventative action taken to reduce the loss of life or damage to property from all hazards.

.03 Emergency Plan.

A. In consultation with other health and safety officials in the local community, each local school system shall develop an emergency plan for each public school and central administration office under its jurisdiction that:

(1) Deals with the contingencies of man-made, technological, and natural hazards; and

(2) Conforms to the requirements of this chapter.

B. Each public school emergency plan shall be on file in each public school system.

C. Each local school system shall develop and implement an annual schedule of drills for each school within the system.

.04 Annual Certification.

Each local superintendent of schools shall certify annually in writing to the State Superintendent of Schools that the requirements of this chapter are being implemented.