

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Personnel and students in each school must be aware of the hazards, which threaten their lives and safety and be prepared to take appropriate action in the event of an imminent or actual disaster. School personnel must also be aware of their roles in responding to a local emergency or disaster, which occurs in the school's community but may not directly affect school facilities.

The school system and each school shall periodically update and implement a written emergency preparedness plan. The emergency preparedness plan shall include, but not be limited to, guidelines for actions to deal with the following specific hazards:

- injuries and illnesses
- fires
- thunderstorms
- tornadoes
- floods
- hurricanes
- winter storms
- hazardous materials
- earthquakes
- utility failures
- bomb threats
- civil disturbances
- terrorist acts
- nuclear emergencies
- bus evacuations

The plan shall also include provisions for communicating information on emergency preparedness procedures to staff and students appropriate for their grade level. The implementation of this plan shall also provide for drills as appropriate for emergencies arising from these hazards.

This plan shall be in accordance with the Hazard Preparedness Planning Guide, dated December 1986, published by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

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