

EMERGENCIES

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The board recognizes that appropriate crisis response to certain events is essential for the physical, emotional, and mental welfare of students, staff members, and the community. Those events may include, but are not limited to, suicide, death of staff member or student, natural disaster, and threat of harm. The board, therefore, directs the superintendent to establish and implement an emergency preparedness planning and management guide to deal with crisis situations at the district and school level.

The superintendent will establish a district response team and ensure the establishment of such teams at the school level. The involvement of other municipal, county, state, or federal agencies should be encouraged and incorporated into the plan as needed. By utilizing all appropriate agencies and groups, the district will make every effort to minimize the effects of the crisis and maximize its resources while providing for the welfare of students, staff members, and the community.

The district will not disclose any information related to security plans or devices proposed, adopted, installed, or utilized by the schools to the public.

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Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 30-4-20(c) - Security plans and devices are required to be closed to the public.
2. Section 59-63-310, *et seq.* - School Crime Report Act.
3. Section 59-63-910, *et seq.* - Required public school drills.

B. S.C. State Board of Education Regulations:

1. R43-166 - Student and school safety; emergency and disaster plans.