

Policy KDE- Crisis Management

Advance planning for emergencies and disasters is essential to provide for the safety of students, staff, and visitors in the schools, should a threat to safety arise. It also strengthens the morale of all concerned to know that preparedness plans exist and that students and staff have been trained in carrying them out. Prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery are the phases of crisis management covered in the DPS Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) plan.

Site administrators, or their designee, shall ensure their schools are in compliance with the DPS ERCM Program by adhering to the following requirements:

Each school's emergency response team (E-Team) shall attend district ERCM training annually.

- The site administrator, or their designee, shall submit an emergency management plan in accordance with the ERCM plan annually at the beginning of each school year.
- School emergency response teams will train all school personnel (to include students, facility, and foodservice personnel) on proper ERCM procedures.
- Site administrators, or their designee, shall ensure their schools conduct fire drills on a monthly basis.
- Site administrators, or their designee, shall make certain their schools practice other types of drills as directed by the ERCM program.

Site administrators and school staff shall take every opportunity to inform parents of emergency response procedures.

The district ERCM program is compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

By accomplishing the above tasks all DPS personnel will be abiding by Colorado State Revised Statutes 22-32-109.1 (4) and C.R.S. 22-32-109 (4).

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