

These small revisions respond to recent changes in Education law and Commissioner's regulations.

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Non-Instructional/Business
Operations

SUBJECT: FIRE DRILLS, BOMB THREATS AND SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

The Board of Education is committed to the safety of everyone on school grounds—students, staff, parents, community members and others. Therefore, at a minimum, the District and its schools shall adhere to all laws, Commissioner's Regulations, and Building Safety Plans pertaining to fire drills and safety, bomb threats, and school bus safety.

Prior to the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent *or designee* will assure that each principal or other individual in charge of a building, receives copies of the District's building and district safety plans as well as of relevant laws and Commissioner's Regulations regarding fire drills, bomb threats, and bus safety along with the expectation that they be strictly followed.

Fire Drills

The number and timing of fire drills, *evacuation drills, and lockdowns* will be according to Education Law *and Commissioner's regulations*. ~~Section 807~~. The goal is for all occupants of the building to leave *or find safety* in the shortest possible time and without confusion or panic.

Bomb Threats

All bomb threats will be presumed true until disconfirmed through searches or other means. Prudent action on the part of authorities (administrators, law enforcement personnel) will depend on the details of the situation, and may include moving students and staff to safer locations or keeping them in place, away from potential danger. Specific procedures can be found in the building level school plan, as required by Project SAVE. Law enforcement officials must be notified of any bomb threat as soon as possible after the threat is received.

School Bus Safety

Instruction and drills on bus safety will be provided to all students who ride District buses in accordance with Commissioner's Regulation 156.3(f) and (g).

Education Law Sections 807, 2801-a and 3623
Penal Law Sections 240.55, 240.60 and 240.62
8 NYCRR Sections 155.17, 156.3(f), 156.3(g) and 156.3(h)(2)

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