

<b>DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	<b>POLICY CODE: EBCA</b>
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## **CRISIS PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

The Board recognizes that schools are subject to a number of potentially dangerous events, such as natural disasters, industrial accidents, acts of terrorism, and other violent events. No school is immune from these events no matter the size or location. The Board is committed to the prevention of these events, to the extent possible, in the schools and at school-sponsored activities.

The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that at least two times per year, the District conducts emergency response drills. The Superintendent will establish a relationship with local and state emergency (e.g., police, fire, ambulance, etc.). The Superintendent, or his/her designee, will serve as a coordinator/liaison with these authorities.

The Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate personnel, and in coordination with local emergency authorities, shall develop a District-wide Crisis Prevention and Response Plan, which must, at a minimum, include a site-specific Emergency Response Plan for each school. [NHSBA is aware that one of the toolkits/templates used by districts to prepare the site-specific plan uses "Operations" in the title in place of "Response". As "Response" is the term referenced in RSA 189:64, we recommend using that term, or "Response Operations".]

The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that each Emergency Response Plan conforms with the requirements of RSA 189:64, as the same may be amended or replaced, and that each Emergency Response Plan addresses hazards including, but not limited to: acts of violence, threats, natural disasters, fire, hazardous materials, medical emergencies, and other hazards deemed necessary by the School Board or local emergency authorities. The emergency response plans will be based on and conform to the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System.

The School Board directs the Superintendent to assure that each Emergency Response Plan is reviewed annually (in consultation with appropriate personnel, and in coordination with local emergency authorities), and is updated as necessary. If, after such review, the plan remains unchanged, then the Superintendent shall notify the Department of Education by September 1 that the plan is unchanged. If an Emergency Response Plan is update/revised, the Superintendent shall submit the updated Emergency Response Plan to the New Hampshire Department of Education no later than September 1.

The District Crisis and Response Plan will be updated annually to include each site-specific Emergency Response Plan as updated, and any other changes as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent will develop an administrative regulation that ensures the effective development and implementation of the district's plan.

*Legal References:*

- *RSA 189:64, Emergency Response Plans*
- *RSA 193-D, Safe School Zones*
- *RSA 193-F, Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention*
- *NH Code of Admin. Rule. Section Ed. 306.04(a)(2), Promoting School Safety*