

Policies

Newport Public Schools

No. 2410

Administration - Risk Management -

Fire Safety Drills

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It is the policy of the Newport School Department that the following legal mandates shall be strictly adhered to.

RI Gen. Laws § 16-21-4 Fire drills required. It shall be the duty of the principal or other person in charge of every public school or private school or educational institution within the State, having more than twenty-five (25) pupils, to instruct and train the pupils by means of drills, so that they may in a sudden emergency be able to leave the school building in the shortest possible time and without confusion or panic. There shall be fifteen (15) such drills or rapid dismissals during the school year, at least eight (8) of which shall be held during the months of September, October, and November. The remaining seven (7) such drills or rapid dismissals shall be held at the discretion of the principal or person in charge of such school. At least four (4) drills or rapid dismissals shall be obstructed by means of which at least one (1) or more exits and stairways in the school buildings are blocked off or not used and at least two (2) of such obstructed drills shall be held during the months of September and October.

Neglect by any principal or any person in charge of any public or private school or educational institution to comply with the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.).

RI Gen. Laws § 16-21-5. Uniform fire codes or drills tactics. It shall be the duty of the Department of Education to formulate a uniform fire code or drill tactics to be used in all schools in accordance with Section 16-21-4 and to furnish sufficient number of copies thereof for use in all schools together with forms for reporting to the Fire Department of the city or town in which such schools are located and to the Department of Education, which forms shall be furnished by said Department of Education to all schools.

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