

Drill Requirement

Under the new law, any school that operates any of grades Kindergarten to 12 must conduct at least:

- Five fire drills per school year. Three of which must take place by December 1. (There must be a reasonable interval between each drill.)
- Two tornado safety drills per school year. One of which must take place in March.
- Three lockdown drills per school year, including security measures appropriate to an emergency "such as the release of hazardous material or the presence of a potentially dangerous individual on or near the premises." At least one of the drills must take place by December 1 and at least one after January 1. (There must be a reasonable interval between each drill.)

It's also important to note that schools are required to conduct at least one of the above-listed drills during lunch, recess, or at another time when a significant number of students are present, but not in classrooms.

Lastly, a list of all scheduled drill days must be provided to the county emergency management coordinator by September 15. It's then his/her responsibility to share this information with the appropriate local emergency coordinator, if applicable.