

1 District Safety

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3 For purpose of this policy, “disaster means the occurrence or imminent threat of damage, injury,
4 or loss of life or property”.

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6 The Board recognizes that safety and health standards should be incorporated into all aspects of
7 the operation of the District. Rules for safety and prevention of accidents will be posted in
8 compliance with Montana Safety Culture Act and the Montana Safety Act. Injuries and
9 accidents will be reported to the District office.

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11 The board of trustees has identified the following local hazards that exists within the boundaries
12 of its school district: [Fire, Earthquake, Avalanche, High Winds, Tornadoes, Intruders, Firearms,
13 etc.]

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15 The Superintendent building principal shall design and incorporate drills in its school safety or
16 emergency operations plan to address the above stated hazards. The trustees will certify to the
17 office of public instruction that a school safety or emergency operations plan has been adopted.
18 This plan and procedures will be discussed and distributed to each teacher at the beginning of
19 each school year. There will be at least eight (8) disaster drills a year in a school. All teachers
20 will discuss safety drill procedures with their class at the beginning of each year and will have
21 them posted in a place next to the exit door. The drills must be held at different hours of the day
22 or evening to avoid distinction between drills and actual disasters. A record will be kept of all
23 fire drills.

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25 The trustees shall review the school safety or emergency operations plan at its regular June
26 meeting and update the plan as determined necessary by the trustees based on changing
27 circumstances pertaining to school safety. Once the trustees have made the certification to the
28 Office of Public Instruction, the trustees may transfer funds pursuant to Section 2, 20-1-401,
29 MCA to make improvements to school safety and security.

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31 The Superintendent will develop safety and health standards which comply with the Montana
32 Safety Culture Act.

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35	Legal Reference:	§20-1-401, MCA
36		Disaster drills to be conducted
37		regularly – districts to identify
38		disaster risks and adopt school safety
39		plan
40		Number of disaster drills required –
41		time of drills to vary
42		Montana Safety Culture Act
43		Montana Safety Act
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1 Policy History:

2 Adopted on: February 2007

3 Revised on: July 2013, January 2016

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5 January 2016 Revision Note: adds “emergency operations” language, added Board review in
6 June.

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8 *Timeline Index entry: June to review plan*