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Pursuant to KRS 158.162, the local board of education shall require the school council or, if none exists, the principal in each school to adopt an emergency plan that must be utilized in case of fire, severe weather, earthquake, or a building lockdown and that: establishes evacuation routes; identifies the best available severe weather zones; develops earthquake protocols for students; and, develops and adheres to practices controlling access to the school building. The emergency plan shall be annually reviewed by the council, principal, and first responders and revised as needed.

In addition to the emergency plan requirements in KRS 158.162, KRS 158.164 requires the local board of education to direct the school council or, if none exists, the principal in each school to establish procedures to perform a building lockdown and to invite local law enforcement to assist in establishing lockdown procedures.

KRS 158.162 also requires the emergency plan be discussed with all school staff prior to the first instructional day of the school year and provided, along with a diagram of the facility, to appropriate first responders. Further, the principal in each school shall conduct, at a minimum, the following emergency response drills within the first 30 instructional days of the school year and again during the month of January: one severe weather drill, one earthquake drill, and one lockdown drill. In addition, required fire drills shall be conducted according to administrative regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction.

Questions Related to the Adoption and Implementation of the Emergency Plan

1. Has the school council or, where applicable, principal adopted an emergency plan in accordance with local board policy and in compliance with the specifications in KRS 158.162(3)?

If the answer is "no", please explain in the comment box. Please note that Senate Bill 1 (2019) and Senate Bill 8 (2020) amended KRS 158.162(3)(d) to require, for example, classroom doors remain closed and locked during instructional time (with limited exceptions) as well as classroom doors with windows be equipped with material to quickly cover the window during a building lockdown. Schools are encouraged to comply with these changes as soon as practicable but, if needed, have until July 1, 2022 to fully implement. Accordingly, failure to comply with KRS 158.162(3)(d), as amended, should not be reported herein until the 2022-2023 school year and beyond.

Yes, the Hopkins County Schools Academy is located on the Hopkins County Central High School campus and follows the HCCHS SBDM-council approved emergency operation plan.

2. Has the school provided local first responders with a copy of the school's emergency plan along with a diagram of the school as required by KRS 158.162(2)(b)?

If the answer is "no", please explain in the comment box.

Yes, the SRO was provided with the emergency plan and school diagrams. The SRO shares these documents with our district Director of Engagement, Equity, and School Support for dissemination to local first responders.

3. Has the school posted primary and secondary evacuation routes in each room by any doorway used for evacuation as required by KRS 158.162(3)(a)?

If the answer is "no", please explain in the comment box.

Yes, routes are posted in each room by the doorway.

4. Has the school posted the location of severe weather safe zones in each room as required by KRS 158.162(3)(b)?

If the answer is "no", please explain in the comment box.

Yes, weather safe zones are posted in each room.

5. Have practices for students to follow during an earthquake been developed as required by KRS 158.162(3)(c)?

If the answer is "no", please explain in the comment box.

Yes, earthquake drill practices are in place and practiced routinely.

6. Are practices in place to control access to the school building, including but not limited to controlling outside access to exterior doors during the school day; controlling the main entrance of the school with electronically locking doors, a camera, and an intercom system; controlling access to individual classrooms; requiring classroom doors to remain closed and locked during instructional time (with limited exceptions outlined in statute); requiring classroom doors with windows to be equipped with material to quickly cover the windows during a lockdown; requiring all visitors to report to the front office of the building, provide valid identification, and state the purpose of the visit; and providing a visitor's badge to be visibly displayed on a visitor's outer garment as required by KRS 158.162(3)(d)?

If the answer is "no", please explain in the comment box.

Our building remains locked during the school day. An intercom system, electronically locked door, and camera secures the main entrance of the HCCHS building, and other entrances can only be unlocked by staff badge. All visitors must state their reason for visit at the door buzzer, report to the main office and must show identification to obtain a visitor's pass to wear while on campus. The Raptor System is in place to scan identification, track & scan visitors in the building, and provide a quick alert to administration and law enforcement. All classrooms remain closed and locked during instruction with a door window cover available for a lock down.

7. Was the school's emergency plan reviewed following the end of the prior school year by the school council, principal, and first responders and revised as needed as required by KRS 158.162(2)(c)?

Please provide the most recent date of review/revision of the school's emergency plan in the comment box. If the answer is "no", please explain in the comment box.

Yes, our school emergency plan was reviewed by the principal and school SBDM council on 6/16/21. Once approved, it was provided to the school SRO for review and dissemination to local first responders.

8. Did the principal discuss the emergency plan with **all** school staff prior to the first instructional day of the current school year and appropriately document the time and date of such discussion as required by KRS 158.162(2)(d)?

Please provide the date the school completed this discussion in the comment box. If the answer is "no", please explain in the comment box.

Yes, the principal reviewed the emergency plan with all school staff on 8/04/21. Sign in sheets are available to verify that all staff took part in this review and discussion.

9. During the first 30 instructional days of the current school year, did the principal conduct at least one severe weather drill, one earthquake drill, and one lockdown drill as required by KRS 158.162(5)?

If the answer is "no", please explain in the comment box.

Yes, as evidenced by the Drill Log.

10. During the month of January during the prior school year, did the principal conduct at least one severe weather drill, one earthquake drill, and one lockdown drill as required by KRS 158.162(5)?

If the answer is "no", please explain in the comment box.

Yes, as evidenced by the Drill Log.

11. Over the immediately preceding twelve months, did the principal conduct fire drills in accordance with administrative regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction as required by KRS 158.162(5)?

If the school did NOT meet the requirement, respond "no" and please explain further in the comment box.

Yes, as evidenced by the Drill Log.

Attachment Summary

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