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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) and is a copy maintained on file in the school office?

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, shall be reported for the 2022-2023 school year and each year thereafter.

An emergency plan has been established and is in compliance with local board policy and KRS 158.162(3). The emergency plan was presented and approved to the SBDM council. Copies of the emergency plan are housed throughout the building to ensure accessibility by all staff members including in all classrooms, the cafeteria, and the front office.

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.

The school principal, the school counselor, and the school safety monitor met with local responders to review White Hall's emergency plan, complete a facility walk through, and engage in discussions regarding safety procedures. The meeting took place on August 1st, 2022 at 10:30.

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.

Maps including all primary and secondary evacuation routes are posted on the back of all classroom doors, in the cafeteria, and in the office in accordance with KRS 158.162 (3)(a).

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.

Maps including severe weather safe zones are posted on the back of all classroom doors, in the cafeteria, and in the office in accordance with KRS 158.162(3)(a).

5. Have practices for students to follow during an earthquake been developed as required by KRS 158.162(3)(c) and is a copy maintained on file in the school office?

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

Procedures for earthquakes have been developed in accordance with KRS 158.162(3)(c) and are included in the White Hall Emergency Plan Quick Reference Guide.

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.

All practices mentioned above are in place to control access to the school building as required by KRS 158.162(3)(d).

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) and is a copy maintained in the school office?

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.

The school's emergency plan was reviewed and updated in June 2022 at the regularly scheduled SBDM meeting.

8. Did the principal discuss the emergency plan with **all** school staff prior to the first instructional day of the <u>current</u> 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.

The emergency plan was discussed with all school staff on Tuesday, 08/16/2022, prior the first instructional day of the 2022-2023 school year in accordance with KRS 158.162(2)(d).

9. During the first 30 instructional days of the <u>current</u> 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) and are the drills maintained in the appropriate drill log for the given school year?

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

The principal conducted at least one severe weather drill, one earthquake drill, and one lockdown drill as required by KRS 158.162(5) during the first 30 instructional days of the 2022-2023 school year. Records of all drills are kept on file in the principal's office.

10. During the month of January during the <u>prior</u> 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) and is a copy maintained on file in the school office?

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

The principal conducted at least one severe weather drill, one earthquake drill, and one lockdown drill as required by KRS 158.162(5) and copies are maintained on file in the principal's office.

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.

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



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