

Earthquake and Civil Defense

There is no warning signal for earthquake or surprise attack.

1. An emergency DROP procedure shall be held at least once each school month.
2. Earthquake Emergency Procedure:
 - a. Command is "DROP" by the individual staff member.
 - b. The emergency DROP procedure involves no schoolwide signal. A written statement shall go from the principal's office to each teacher indicating the time of day the emergency procedure is to be held. The procedure shall be conducted by the individual teacher. The command is "DROP."
3. Procedure for Emergency DROP Procedure:
 - a. The first evidence of a surprise attack will be an extremely intense light, tremendous sound or blast. The importance of time cannot be overemphasized. The total time involved is estimated to ten seconds or less, and the first two seconds are the most dangerous. The short time involved makes it impossible to plan the moving of groups or individuals. What is to be done must be done immediately.
 - b. If inside the school building, the student shall:
 - (1) Get under equipment (desk, table, etc.) where available.
 - (2) Drop to knees with back to the windows and knees together.
 - (3) Clasp both hands firmly behind the head, covering the neck.
 - (4) Bury face in arms, protecting the head. Close the eyes tightly.
 - (5) Stay there at least ten seconds, or until the procedure or emergency is over.
 - (6) At the close of the ten-second period, students shall follow the next instructions. The instructions will depend upon circumstances and the extent of damage to the buildings.
 - c. If outside the school building, the student shall:
 - (1) Crouch or lie down behind any available protection (bench, ditch or gutter).
 - (2) If in the open, drop to the ground, curl up with back to the blast or light.
 - (3) Stay at least ten seconds, or until the procedure or emergency is over.

(4) At the close of the above interval, get under cover as soon as possible. Follow the next instructions. These instructions will depend upon circumstances and the extent of damage to the buildings.

4. Earthquake DROP Procedure:

a. If inside the school building in case of an earthquake, the student shall:

(1) Get under some equipment (desk, table, etc.) where available.

(2) Drop to knees with back to the window and knees together.

(3) Clasp both hands firmly behind the head, covering the neck.

(4) Bury face in arms, protecting the head. Close eyes tightly.

(5) Stay there until the quake is over or until instructed to leave. The instructions will depend upon circumstances and extent of damage to buildings.

b. If outside the school building during the earthquake, get clear of all buildings and remain there until further instructions are given.

c. When, in the opinion of the school administrator, the earthquake is over and the building has suffered damage, an orderly fire emergency procedure shall be conducted to evacuate the building. Students shall move to a position well away from the building and remain there until given further instructions.

d. Following the vacating of the building, students shall not be permitted to reenter if there is any doubt concerning the safety of the building. In this event, it is recommended that the administrator call the business office and ask for inspection before ordering a return to the building.

5. If students are in special schools and are physically unable to follow the regular procedures, they shall follow those steps in the regular procedures with which they can comply.

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