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Construction and Development Services

ACTION REQUIRED

TO: Campus Principals

DISTRIBUTION: Willie Burroughs, Chief Operations Officer

FROM: Kamal ElHabr, Assoc. Superintendent of Construction & Development

Services

SUBJECT: Fire Drill Requirements for 2020-2021

DATE: September 14, 2020

The purpose of this memo is to provide information regarding fire drill requirements. Included in this memo are the state and local fire drill forms. When completed, forms should be returned via email to constructionservice@saisd.net.

The completed reports will be collected and forwarded on to the local fire marshal at the end of each quarter.

- Fire Drill requirements can be found here and are also included in this memo.
- Forms required and included in this memo:
 - o Local quarterly fire drill reports due dates:
 - October 16, 2020
 - January 15, 2021
 - April 9, 2021
 - May 28, 2021
 - o Local annual fire drill report due May 28, 2021
 - o State fire drill report due May 28, 2021

For fire safety regulations, tips and additional information, visit either the San Antonio Fire Marshal's website at http://www.sanantonio.gov/safd or the State Fire Marshal's website at http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/fire/index.html.

If there are additional questions, please contact Construction & Development Services at (210) 554-2420.

Fire Drill Requirements – Group E Occupancies

Section 1303.3.3.2 Fire Drills

5. Fire Alarm Drill Records - A record of all required fire drills shall be kept by the person in charge of the occupancy and forwarded to the chief on a quarterly basis. Records of fire drills shall include the time and date of each drill held, the name of the person conducting such drill and the time required to vacate the building. Reports must be made each school year to the State Fire Marshal's Office, PO Box 149221, Mail Code 112-FM, Austin, TX 78714-9221, on forms they provide. (The Report Form for Fire Exit Drills & Fire Prevention Education in Schools can also be downloaded off their website, www.tdi.state.tx.us, and is found in the dropdown menu titled, "Forms/Databases/Lists" under "Fire Marshal Forms".)

- 6. Fire Alarm Drills Additional Requirements-The operator of premises housing an E Occupancy use shall:
 - 1. Conduct at least two fire exit drills during the first two weeks of a new school year and at least one each month of operation.**
 - 2. Drills shall be executed at different hours of the day; during the changing of classes; when the school is at assembly; during the recess or gymnastic periods; etc., so as to avoid distinction between drills and actual fires. If a drill is called when pupils are going up and down the stairways, as during the time classes are changing, the pupils shall be instructed to form in file and immediately proceed to the nearest available exit in an orderly manner.
 - 3. Maintain a written report of each fire drill in the office of the operator of the premises.
- 7. Procedures -The operator of premises housing an E Occupancy shall conduct fire drills:
 - 1. Without warning;
 - 2. In a manner requiring:
 - (a) all students to immediately leave the structure upon hearing the fire drill signal; (b) a roll call by classes outside the structure; and
 - (c) doors to be closed as each area is evacuated;
 - 3. In a manner simulating fire conditions;
 - 4. In a manner prohibiting students from running or playing;
 - 5. If approved, in a manner permitting security persons to remain inside the structure during drills;
 - 6. Which include:
 - (a) Complete checks of each section of the structure;
 - (b) The use of varying evacuation routes;
 - (c) Occasional simulation of blocked exits;
 - (d) Provisions for calling the fire department; and
 - (e) The use of varying drill times;

NUMBER OF SIGNALS

- 7. During weather which does not pose a health threat to students;
- 8. As an exercise in discipline and procedure, rather than speed;
- 9. Alarm from pull stations;
- 10. According to the following signal criteria in schools relying on the class change bell for a fire alarm;

Fire drill – Leave structure in an orderly manner. Return – Re-enter the structure in an orderly manner. Halt – Stand quietly.

MEANING OF SIGNALS

8. Fire Marshal's Power To Order Fire Drill - The Fire Marshal may require a fire drill at any E Occupancy at any time.

Quick Tips for Fire Safety Keeping Children Safe 2020-2021 School Year

- Everyone in the school is required to evacuate the building during a fire drill. There are no exceptions.
- The entire school building should be evacuated within 3 minutes.
- ♦ While we want to have warm and inviting school environments, please remember that no decorations should hang from the ceiling in the corridors.
- ♦ Classroom decorations should be moderate. A general rule of 20% of wall space devoted to decorations and wall covering should be observed.
- Absolutely NO live Christmas trees anywhere in the building.
- ♦ All seasonal lighting should be kept to a minimum. Lighting should NOT be daisy chained.
- There should be easy and unobstructed access to all fire alarm pull boxes.
- ♦ The fire alarm pull boxes must be used in order to institute or initiate a fire drill. If any other system of notification is used, it cannot be considered an official fire drill.

THE FIRE DRILL PROCESS

- ◆ Call SAISD Police Department at 210-354-9050 to notify dispatcher of planned fire drill.
- ♦ Assign a staff member to activate the alarm system by pulling a manual pull box. Record the start time.
- Confirm that all building occupants have been evacuated.
- ♦ Allow a qualified staff member to silence the alarm and reset the box used to initiate the drill. Record the end time.
- ◆ After the fire alarm panel reads "All Systems Normal", allow the students and staff to re-enter the building.
- ♦ Notify the SAISD Police Dispatcher that the fire drill is completed and the fire alarm system is in normal condition.

AFTER THE FIRE DRILL

- Complete the quarterly and annual reports to include the time and date the fire drill is held.
- ◆ At the end of each quarter, forward the completed quarterly fire drill report to your Leadership Executive Director. The reports will be collected and forwarded to the Local Fire Marshal each quarter.
- ♦ Both annual local and state fire drill reports are due to your Leadership Executive Director at the end of the school year on or before May 28, 2021. The state's annual report is kept on file for three years and made available upon request by the State Fire Marshal's Office.
- ◆ For fire safety regulations, tips and additional information, visit either the San Antonio Fire Marshal's website at http://www.sanantonio.gov/safd, or, the State Fire Marshal's website at http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/fire/index.html.

For additional information or assistance, please contact:

SAISD Construction and Development Services (210) 554-2420

SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION QUARTERLY REPORT OF FIRE DRILLS FOR AUGUST /SEPTEMBER

Date:			Scho	School District: San Antonio ISD				
Name of Schoo	l:				Grades:			
Address:				r	Γelephone:			
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Send to: SAFD Fire M 1901 S. Alan San Antonio,	no Street			Principal		Date:		

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER SELF-INSPECTION BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS

OUTSIDE	YES	NO
1. Is building address plainly visible and legible from the street?		
Are Fire Dept. sprinkler and standpipe connections unobstructed and accessible?		
3. Are fire lanes kept clear?		
4. Are gas and electrical shutoffs accessible and marked?		
5. Are portables kept clear of storage and high weeds, both beneath and around?		
INSIDE		
6. Do all exit lights and emergency lights work?		
7. Are all exit doors operable, free of obstruction, and kept unlocked while school is occupied?		
8. Do all corridors have a minimum six feet clearance?		
9. Is the school fire alarm in good working order and audible throughout the building and does it have a current inspection sticker?		
10. If building is equipped with an automatic sprinkler system, does it have a current inspection sticker?		
11. Are sufficient and proper type extinguishers provided throughout the building and have they been serviced within the past year?		
12. Is there less than 25% of combustible art work covering corridor walls?		
SPECIAL AREAS		
13. If present, do all boilers have a current inspection sticker? Are boilers away from combustibles?		
14. Is there a minimum 36" clearance around electrical panels?		
15. Are flammable and combustible liquids stored in an approved storage cabinet?		
16. Are the hood, ducts, and filters over cooking equipment clean of grease?		
17. Has the fixed pipe extinguishing system been serviced within the past 6 months?		

SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION QUARTERLY REPORT OF FIRE DRILLS FOR OCTOBER – NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Date:					School District: _	San An	tonio ISD	_	
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1901 S. Ala	Marshal 20 amo Street io, TX 7820			Principal			Date:		

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SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION QUARTERLY REPORT OF FIRE DRILLS FOR JANUARY – FEBRUARY – MARCH

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Address:	Address:							_
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3. Are out	tside fire es	capes used	I for fire drill	ls? Yes No				
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REMARKS:								
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SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION QUARTERLY REPORT OF FIRE DRILLS FOR APRIL - MAY

Date:				;	School District: _	San Anto	onio ISD
Name of School	: <u> </u>				Grades: _		
Address:	Address:				Telephone: _		
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DATE	TIME OF DRILL	NO. OF PUPILS	TIME REQ. MIN/SEC	TYPE OF DRILL (Circle One)	ACTIVITY DU		S.A.F.D. PRESENT? (Circle One)
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APR				OBSTRUCTED UNOBSTRUCTED			
MAY				OBSTRUCTED UNOBSTRUCTED			
1. Would yo	ou like for t	he Fire Dep	partment to	observe a fire dri	ll in your school?	Yes No	
2. Are provi	sions made	e for sound	ing alarms f	rom any floor? _			
Is soundi	ng device a	accessible?		Plainly m	narked?		_
3. Are outs	ide fire esc	apes used	for fire drills	? Yes No			
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SAFD Fire M 1901 S. Alam		'-8410		Principal			Date:
San Antonio,				Fillicipal			Dale.

APRIL – MAY SELF-INSPECTION BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS

OUTSIDE	YES	NO
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ANNUAL REPORT TO LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL

(NAME OF	SCHOOL)

Section 1303.3.3.2 Fire Alarm Drills – The operator of premises housing an E Occupancy use shall:

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- 3. Maintain a written report of each fire drill in the office of the operator of the premises.***

Section 1303.3.3.3 Evacuation Plan – The operator of premises housing an E Occupancy shall:

- 1. Prepare an emergency evacuation plan for review and approval by the Fire Marshal;
- 2. Post the evacuation plan in a conspicuous location in each classroom; and
- 3. Instruct all supervisory personnel and all students in the evacuation procedure.

MONTH	DATE	HOUR	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	TIME REQUIRED FOR DRILL IN MIN/SEC	ACTIVITY DURING: CLASSES, ASSEMBLY, ETC.	CONDUCTED BY:
AUG						
SEPT.						
ОСТ.						
NOV.						
DEC.						
JAN.						
FEB.						
MAR.						
APR.						
MAY						

***THIS CARD MUST BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT ALL TIMES.

RETURN TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OFFICE ON OR BEFORE MAY 28, 2021



Fire Exit Drill & Fire Prevention Education in Schools

- One form is required for each campus.
- ▶ Please complete this form and keep it in your school or school district records for three years.
- ▶ **Do not** send this form to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

School Name	Phone				Schoo	ol Year		
Physical Address	City		County	Zip	Zip +4			
School District		District ID)#		Cam pus	ID#		
Name of the Fire Department serving the school campus								
 Please mark an X in each appropriate box to in 	dicate the grade l	evels in yo	our schoo	l.				
Sp. Ed. ECE PreK K 1 2 3	4 5 6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Fire Exit	Drill Inform	ation						
 School Fire Drills are required by local fire code the State Fire Marshal. 	adoption or, in a	reas witho	out codes	, the fir	re insped	ction rul	les of	
Indicate the months that your school is in session for 10 days or more. Indicate the months that a fire drill was conducted.	ct. Nov. Dec.	Jan. Fe	b. Marc	h Ap	ril May	/ June	July	
\	fety Educati	ion						
 Fire safety education should include items such detector checks, etc. 			hen safet	y, mon	thly smo	oke		
 Lessons may be found in Fire Safety for Texans The percentage of students participating in age 			1000	100000	and the same of th	ol year is	5	
Ce	ertification							
certify that the above information is correct.								
School administrator signature	Title							
Printed name	Date							

Preparation of this form is mandated by the Texas Insurance Commissioner through the adoption of the "Fire Suppression Rating Schedule." This schedule enumerates specific credit points used in calculating local insurance rates. A minimum of nine (9) drills is needed, one (1) per month for each month having 10 school days or more to achieve full credit for fire drills. If you have questions on fire drills, contact your local fire official. For more information about fire exit drill requirements in Texas, go to http://www.tdi.texas.gov/fire/fmschl.html.

Information solicited in this form will be combined with that of other schools served by specific fire departments and used to calculate insurance rates for your community. In addition to the enhancement to student safety that comes from holding regular fire exit drills and by providing fire prevention education, the residents in your community may benefit from lower insurance rates. Questions relating to this form may be directed to the State Fire Marshal's Office by email to fire.marshal@tdi.texas.gov. Please do not send forms to the State Fire Marshal.