

State College Area School District

Dear Families,

In an effort to make sure our students and faculty understand and know what to do in the case of emergencies, we are planning several practice drills during the spring. Some of these drills include procedures we practice monthly, our fire drills for example, and some we practice only a few times during the year. We wanted you to be aware of the various drills so you can be prepared to discuss them with your child if the topic arises at home.

1. **Monthly Fire Drills** – students and staff evacuate the building and report to a predetermined site outside the building.
2. **Tornado Drills** – students and staff report to a designated safe spot in the building, away from large windows.
3. **Emergency Drills** – students and staff remain in rooms with doors locked, windows closed, and blinds pulled down.
4. **Safe House Evacuation Drills** – students and staff evacuate the building and walk as a class to our designated safe house. Each school in the district has a designated building as a safe house location where students and staff will locate if we have to vacate our building for safety reasons.
5. **School Bus Evacuation Drills** – students exit the bus upon their arrival to school to practice for an emergency evacuation.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Principal