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# **School Fire Drill Guidelines**

## 2025-2026 School Year

### Compliance with Fire Safety Emergency Drills Regulations in Educational Facilities

In accordance with Code Section 25-2-31 of the official Code of Georgia, the State Fire Marshal's Office is tasked with implementing a statewide fire prevention education program in schools and conducting fire drills.

As stipulated in Section 404.2 of the International Fire Code, all educational facilities must maintain an approved Fire Safety and Evacuation Plan. Monthly fire evacuation drills involving all occupants are compulsory, and reports of these drills must be submitted electronically to the Office of the Safety Fire Commissioner.

#### **Required Drills:**

- A fire drill is required within the first 10 days of the school year.
- An additional fire drill must take place within the first 30 days of the school year.
- Monthly fire drills are necessary whenever school is in session.
- In February and November, fire drills may be substituted with severe weather, intruder alert drills, or AED drills.
- In September, the fire drill can be replaced by an intruder alert drill.
  - a. Only if the 30 day drill has been conducted.
  - b. For more information regarding the Intruder Alert Drill, please contact your GEMA Homeland Security Regional Contact.

# 2025-2026 School Year Emergency Drill Schedule

## 1. First 10 Days of School

- Fire Drill

## 2. First 30 Days of School

- Second Fire Drill

## 3. September

- Intruder Alert Drill
  - This drill must be reported to GEMA Homeland Security and OCI (Fire Marshal).

## 4. October

- Fire Prevention Week: October 5-10, 2025
- Statewide Fire Drill on October 8th at 10:00 AM
- Statewide Makeup Fire Drill on October 15 at 10:00 AM

## 5. November

- Severe Weather Awareness
  - (Note: The National Weather Service only releases the actual date a month in advance. Thus, we provide a tentative date to assist with yearly planning.)
- Tentatively, Severe Weather Drill on November 4 at 9:30 AM
- Tentatively, Severe Weather Drill Makeup on November 11 at 9:30 AM

## 6. December

- Fire Drill

## 7. January

- Fire Drill

## 8. February

- Severe Weather Week
  - (Note: The National Weather Service only releases the actual date a month in advance. Thus, we provide a tentative date to assist with yearly planning.)
- Tentatively, Severe Weather Drill on February 4 at 9:30 AM
- Tentatively, Severe Weather Drill on February 11 at 9:30 AM

## 9. March

- Fire Drill

## 10. April

- Fire Drill

## 11. May

- Fire Drill

*If summer school is in session and students and staff are present in the building, please remember to continue conducting fire drills during June and July.*