



*“Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability,
Involve community”*

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64
POLICY 3052
Earthquake Management and Response

Section: Health and Safety
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Rationale:

Earthquakes happen with no warning. Therefore, life-protecting actions must be taken at the first indication of ground shaking. Even in the most severe earthquakes, buildings rarely collapse completely. Injury and even death are most often caused by the shattering and falling of non-structural elements, such as window glass, ceiling plaster, lighting fixtures, chimneys, roof tiles, and signs. There will be no time to think what to do; therefore, of all earthquake-preparedness measures, earthquake drills are crucially important.

Policy:

The School District No. 64 Board of Education directs school principals to ensure that regular earthquake evacuation drills occur separately from, but with the same frequency as, fire drills. Drills should have an educational focus and be designed to reduce risk of injury by promoting the students’ and staffs’ awareness of, and confidence in, their abilities to respond appropriately.