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Policy

**POLICY: OPTIONS BASED RESPONSE TO VIOLENT INTRUDER DRILLS FIRE DRILLS
AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

CODE: F03
(REQUIRED¹)

Statement of Policy

It is the policy of the Maple Run Unified School District (District) to require each school site to conduct age-appropriate options-based response to violent intruder drills and fire drills, and to adopt and maintain an all-hazards emergency operations plan, as part of the District's overall school safety plan.

Definitions

1. **Options-Based Response to Violent Intruder Drill:** For the purpose of this policy, options-based response to violent intruder drill means that there are different actions educators and students can take if confronted by a violent intruder.
2. **School site:** school building(s) operated by the school district.

Administrative Responsibilities

The superintendent or designee shall ensure that:

1. Each school site in the district conducts age-appropriate options-based response to violent intruder drills in the fall and spring semester of each academic year. The district must evaluate which approach is best and adapt that approach to the developmental level of their students, including for students with disabilities, language barriers, and mobility needs.
2. Options-based response to violent intruder drills are conducted following the guidance issued by the Vermont School Safety Center and the Vermont School Crisis Planning Team, which includes trauma-informed best practices for implementing options-based response to violent intruder drills.
3. Parents and guardians are notified not later than one school day before an options-based response to violent intruder drill is conducted.

¹ 16 VSA §1481 requires each school site to conduct options-based response drills in the fall and spring of each academic year, and 16 VSA §1480 requires every school district to adopt and maintain an all-hazards emergency operations plan for each school site.

4. Completion of the options-based response to violent intruder drills is reported to the Agency of Education in a format approved by the Secretary.
5. Fire drills are conducted following current guidance issued by the Vermont School Safety Center and the Vermont School Crisis Planning Team.
6. On or by July 1, 2024, an all-hazards emergency operations plan is adopted and maintained for each school site that is at least as comprehensive as the template maintained by the Vermont School Safety Center. This plan must be reviewed and updated annually and in collaboration with local emergency first responders and local emergency management officials.

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