

## Emergency Drills

We are required to practice emergency drills. We do these for the whole school and explain it in an age appropriate way to each level. You may hear your children talk about these events, and we wanted to share a bit about what we do.

**SECURE THE CLASSROOM** = Students stay in place at their work, while the doors to the school and classrooms are locked.

**TAKE SHELTER** = Students quickly and quietly go to a location where they could shelter for an extended period if necessary.

**EVACUATE THE BUILDING** = a very loud alarm goes off in the school buildings and the children and staff evacuate with each class going to specific meeting places outside for attendance taking. These drills might be followed by instructions to . . .

**EVACUATE THE CAMPUS** = Practicing for a bigger emergency that would lead to all students being bussed off the campus to a town prescribed Reunification Site. We don't practice the bussing part, but do gather in preparation for that possibility.

We are part of the "Town of Brattleboro and Brattleboro Schools Emergency Response Plan". We have coordinated with local officials and emergency responders to ensure that they know our campus and community well and will be able to assist efficiently in an emergency situation, including evacuation, should the need arise. Having these drills helps us be ready and confident that we could respond in an emergency.

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