## **EMERGENCY PREPARDNESS POLICY**

**1.0 SCOPE:** This rule sets the expectation that all schools and all employees in the Barbour County School District will be prepared for and respond appropriately, to the extent possible, to emergency situations.

**2.0 PURPOSE:** The Board of Education recognizes that its responsibility for the safety of students extends to possible natural and man-made disasters and that such emergencies are best met by preparedness and planning.

## 3.0 GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY:

The Board authorizes a system of emergency preparedness that ensures:

- 3.1. the health and safety of students and staff are safeguarded;
- 3.2. the time necessary for instructional purposes is not unduly diverted;
- 3.3. minimum disruption to the educational program occurs;
- 3.4. students are helped to learn self-reliance and are trained to respond sensibly during emergency situations.
- 3.5. all threats to the safety of County facilities, student, and/or employees shall be identified by appropriate personnel and responded to promptly in accordance with the Emergency Operations Plan.
- **4.0 PLANNING:** The Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop an Emergency Operations Plan for the handling of emergency situations.

**Source:** Board of Education Minutes

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