

State of New Jersey
Department of Education



FIRE DRILLS AND FIRE PROTECTION

Chapter 41

New Jersey Statutes 18A:41-1 to 5

Every principal of a school of two or more rooms, or of a school of one room, when located above the first story of a building, shall have at least one fire drill and one school security drill each month within the school hours, including any summer months during which the school is open for instructional programs, and shall require all teachers of all schools, whether occupying buildings of one or more stories, to keep all doors and exits of their respective rooms and building unlocked during the school hours, except during an emergency lockdown or an emergency lockdown drill. Where school buildings have been provided with fire escapes, they shall be used by a part or all of the pupils performing every fire drill.

Every principal and janitor of a school building having furnace room, hallway, or stair-tower fire or smoke doors shall keep them closed during the time the building is occupied by teachers and pupils.

Any principal, teacher, or janitor failing to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$100.00 for each offense.

The commissioner shall prepare and have printed in proper form copies of this chapter and cause them to be posted in each school building.

Each school district shall immediately notify the appropriate local fire department of any fire which occurs in a school building or on school property. The local fire department shall forward the data to the Bureau of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs.

Commissioner of Education