

Appendix H: Safety Drills Protocol

All mandated school safety drills must continue during the COVID-19 pandemic and allow for social distancing.

Actions Taken/Procedures:

Fire drills:

- Instead of conducting fire drills for the entire building at the same time, fire drills will occur for specific groups of classrooms within the building.
- All classroom groups will be drilled on the same day.
- Due to the nature of the students' disabilities, many Summit students will be unable to wear masks and/or maintain social distancing during fire drills. As a result, all student will remain in their classroom cohort and not interact with any other students during drills.
- Summit will mark off designated areas in each parking lot for each cohort to congregate when they evacuate the building. Each cohort will be kept 6 feet away from each other.
- Summit will develop a plan to notify classroom groups of their drills and ensure students still hear an alarm sound, without using the full building alarm.
- Behavior support staff will don full PPE and be present in each parking lot during the drills to manage a crisis if needed.
- Summit will limit drills to 5-7 cohorts exiting at one time into each parking lot at each building.

Lockdown drills:

- Lockdown drills will proceed in the same manner prior to the pandemic. However, students will not enter closets or other confined spaces during these drills. Instead they will be instructed to quietly sit on the floor near their individual work areas.
- Rooms can be released from lockdown as soon as they are reviewed.

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