

Earthquake Drill Policy Adopted November 2024

Purpose

The Purpose of earthquake drills is to instruct and train students and staff in emergency procedures. Drop, Cover, and Hold on. Upon hearing the emergency evacuation signal, all students and staff must immediately Drop, Cover and Hold On.

Frequency and Monitoring

a. The school shall hold a minimum of one drill per school year.

Procedure:

DROP where you are, onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and reduces your chances of being hit by falling or flying objects.

COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand.

- If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath for shelter.
- If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall.
- Stay on your knees; bend over to protect vital organs.

HOLD ON until the shaking stops.

- Under shelter: hold on to it with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts
- No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.

When safe to do so, follow evacuation procedures.