

## **Barrington Public Schools School Safety and Emergency Crisis Policy**

### **Introduction to the District Plan**

Crisis situations occur in schools. Barrington Public Schools (BPS) has developed an immediate system-wide Crisis Management Response Plan to significantly reduce disruption and minimize the impact upon students, families, staff and the community in a crisis. This plan, when implemented by trained school and community personnel, will facilitate return to a normal school routine in the unlikely event of a crisis occurring on or near the schools. The purpose of this plan is to strike a balance between preparedness and maintaining an open and friendly environment.

In accordance with [RI Gen. Laws §16-21-23](#), [RI Gen. Laws §16-21-24](#) and [RI Gen. Laws §16-21-25](#), the Barrington Public Schools (BPS) shall develop, shall regularly review and, as necessary, revise a comprehensive safety plan to enable the District to effectively respond to crises and other emergencies.

The School Safety Plan and Crisis Plans shall be developed by the BPS Crisis Response Team. This team shall be formed based on the recommendation of the Superintendent. It shall be comprised of representatives of administrators, and members of the Barrington police, fire, and emergency management departments.

The School Safety and Crisis Response Plan shall include:

- The Code of Student Conduct
- Procedures for reacting to on-school acts of violence and threats of violence, including bomb threats, hostage-takings, and kidnappings
- Procedures for at least annual, training of school staff
- Procedures for conducting regular emergency drills
- Procedures for contacting non-school emergency personnel
- Procedures for the creation of a School Emergency Response Team and the notification of that Team
- Procedures for evacuating schools, shelter-in-place, lockdowns, and for notifying parents and guardians of students and emergency contacts of school personnel of said emergency evacuations or lockdowns
- Procedures for addressing the medical needs of students and staff
- Policies and procedures on school building security
- Recommendations for curricular and co-curricular changes that may reduce the risk of violence

- Procedures outlining the duties of school personnel in the event of an emergency, including protocols for responding to bomb threats, hostage-takings, intrusions, and kidnappings
- Protocols for improving communication among students and between students and staff
- Procedures for anonymously reporting violent and potentially violent incidents
- Procedures creating a forum or designating a mentor for students concerned with bullying or violence
- Procedures for the identification and appointment of members of a school-community emergency response team, that shall be comprised of school personnel and members of the Barrington police, fire, and emergency management departments
- Procedures for the identification and appointment of members of a school crisis response team that shall be comprised of school personnel, medical, and mental health personnel
- Procedures for establishing internal and external communication in the event of an emergency
- Procedures for restricting access to any school area where a crime is alleged to have occurred

The Superintendent shall ensure that the school-community emergency response team and the Barrington police, fire, and emergency management departments are provided with current school floor plans, blueprints, schematics, or other maps of the school interior and school grounds, and road maps of the immediate surrounding area. All safety and crisis response protocols, procedures, maps, and reporting mechanisms will be available on the Crisis Go App, in addition to hard copies and digital copies.

### *References*

[RI Gen. Laws §16-21-21](#)

[RI Gen. Laws §16-21-23](#)

[RI Gen. Laws §16-21-24](#)

[RI Gen. Laws §16-21-25](#)

[Rules and Regulations for School Health Programs](#)

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