

Office of School Facilities  
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**SUBJECT:            PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD RULE: INITIAL  
                          READING 6Gx13- 6A-1.06, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
                          PROCEDURES**

**COMMITTEE:        INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN:        GENERAL OPERATIONS**

This item is submitted for consideration by the Board to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.06, Emergency Management Procedures, and to repeal the document, *Emergency Management Procedures*, which is incorporated by reference in this rule. The Emergency Management Procedures manual is provided to schools and administrative sites for use in emergency planning and response. Ongoing national and world events related to homeland security require the frequent need to update and refine existing procedures in an expeditious manner. The rule change will also facilitate maintaining the confidentiality of emergency response and security measures as provided by law.

The proposed Amendment to School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.06, will require that the Board maintain an Emergency Management Procedures manual but will not incorporate the text of the manual into the Board Rule. Furthermore, the rule will allow the manual to be revised as needed without requiring Board action.

Attached are the Notice of Intended Action, the proposed amended rule, and the document proposed for repeal. Changes to the current Rule are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ word to be deleted.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the amendment of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.06, Emergency Management Procedures.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.06, Emergency Management Procedures, and to repeal the document, *Emergency Management Procedures*, which is incorporated by reference in this rule.

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## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on March 14, 2007, its intention to amend Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.06, Emergency Management Procedures, and to repeal the document, *Emergency Management Procedures*, which is incorporated by reference and is a part of this rule, at its meeting of April 18, 2007.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The amendment to the Rule would allow the Emergency Management Procedures manual to be updated and revised as needed without requiring Board action.

**SUMMARY:** To permit staff to update and revise the Emergency Management Procedures manual as needed. This will ensure the manual is flexible in response to national and world events related to Homeland security or to other emergency situations.

**SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED:**  
§ 1001.41; 1001.42; 1001.43 F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC:** § 1001.41; 1001.43 F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING OF April 18, 2007, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by April 9, 2007, to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED RULE is available at cost to the public for inspection and copying in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Mr. Jaime G. Torrens  
Date: February 28, 2007

Instruction--Elementary and Secondary**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

Procedures for emergencies and other information are specified in detail in the document, **Emergency Management Procedures**, which is incorporated by reference herein and made a part of this Board Rule. Copies of the document are on file in the Office of the Recording Secretary of the School Board and in the Citizen Information Center, and shall be distributed to all personnel concerned.

Included in the ~~Emergency Management Procedures~~ are the following topics:

~~Reporting Emergencies  
 Emergency Evacuations, Drills, Tests and Reporting  
 Emergency Evacuation of the Disabled  
 Suspected Food Borne Illnesses  
 Protection from Electrical Storms  
 Tornadoes or National Emergencies  
 Emergency Broadcast Network and Natural Disaster Warning Systems  
 Emergency Communications Alerting Procedures for Key Sites  
 Pre and Post Storm Hurricane Requirements  
 Schools Designated as Emergency Shelters  
 Use of School Buildings as Emergency Shelters  
 Use of Miami Dade County Public Schools Buildings as Emergency  
 Special Needs Evacuation Centers  
 Prevention of Assaults  
 Holding and Dispersing Students in Individual School Emergencies  
 Hazardous Chemical Spills  
 Protection from Nuclear Fallout  
 Evacuation in Event of Nuclear Release at Turkey Point F.P.L. Plant  
 Use of School Buildings as Emergency Command Centers  
 Bomb Scare and Search  
 Flood Procedures  
 Water Contamination  
 Use of Miami Dade County Public Schools Buildings as Refuges of  
 Last Resort~~

Specific Authority: 230.22(2); 230.23(17) 1001.41; 1001.42; 1001.43 F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: ~~230.22(5); 230.23005(5)(7)(a)(d)(10)~~  
1001.41; 1001.43 F.S.

History

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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