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Drills can be an effective practice to enhance the safety and security posture of school districts. They require thoughtful planning and are beneficial when appropriately conducted in the school environment.

### Rules for Mandatory School Drills

As required by [TEC Sec. 37.114](#), the Commissioner, in coordination with the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) and State Fire Marshal, has adopted [Rules for Mandatory School Drills](#) for public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools, **effective September 6, 2020**.

### Updated Training, Drilling, and Exercising Toolkit

The TxSSC has updated the [Training, Drilling, and Exercising Toolkit](#) to reflect the new [drill requirements](#), including resources to assist schools with conducting drills effectively.

Included in the toolkit is the [Drill Guidance for School District Administrators with COVID-19 Considerations](#).



The purpose of this guidance document is to assist school district administrators with considering how to think through drills before, during, and after they are performed. Additionally, this guidance document provides a COVID-19 overlay for conducting drills during a communicable disease outbreak.

The toolkit also includes [Drill FAQs](#) that provide answers to some of the common questions about the new rule.

Contact the [Texas School Safety Center](#) for more information about drill requirements and guidance.

