

School Safety and Emergency Procedures

Fire Drills: Regularly scheduled fire drills are held so that students can practice the appropriate procedures in case of a real fire. Fire exits are posted in each room and exit routes are well defined, specific to each room in the school.

Emergency Procedures: Specific protocols have been developed for our school in the event that a lock down, an evacuation or an off-site emergency is initiated. Procedures are reviewed with staff and students and practiced at various times throughout the year. Students are expected to act accordingly in all drills.

Closed Campus: Because of the younger age of our students and to comply with section 45(8) of the School Act (a safe and caring environment) we have made RIBMS a **closed campus**. This means that students must stay on the school grounds for the entire day. Those students who live close enough to the school and who are able to go home for lunch are allowed to do so, but parents do need to sign the permission form for this at the school office. A decision will be made each year by May as to whether or not the grade 8 students will be allowed off campus at noon for the latter part of the school year. This privilege is in keeping with the idea of transitioning the grade 8 students to the open campus privileges they will have the following year at Kate Andrews High School. Granting this privilege will depend on how well students of the grade 8 class meet teacher and general expectations throughout the current school year.

School Entrances: In order to help ensure the safety of our students, we keep all school entrances locked throughout the day, except the main (east) entrance. Students can exit the building at any time but strangers cannot enter from the outside during school hours.