

## **Emergencies and Drills**

Types of Drills: Fire – There are two types; obstructed and unobstructed

Lockdown – In case of an intruder, internal situation or a situation outside the building

Evacuation – When we have to leave the building and dismiss school from another location

Fire Drills: There are nine emergency exits in the 135 Weybosset facility.

1. Main entrance at 135 Weybosset

- 2. Eddy Street stairwell
- 3. Middle Street Stairwell
- 4. Design Space to Eddy
- 5. Eddy Street double doors outside Ms. Shebna's office and the Design Space
- 6. Kitchen door
- 7. Café doors (two)
- 8. LCC doors
  - > When the fire alarm is signaled (either through the fire control system or through the intercom) students should proceed with teacher direction to the nearest exit unless there is an obstruction and then the next closest exit should be used.
  - > Students and teachers should walk to Grant's Block using Weybosset Street and should not, unless directed by police or fire, take a shortcut behind RISD/Alex & Ani on Middle Street.
  - At Grant's Block students should assemble into Advisory with their Advisor and the Advisors should take attendance. Administration will canvas the building double checking that all students have left the building. When the fire fighters say the building is clear then admin will signal Grant's Block.
  - When Ms. Baker or another administrator at Grant's block signal "all clear" students can return to school by way of Weybosset Street.

Lockdown Drills: If there is an emergency which demands that students stay in their rooms (LC's or Workshops) then this is a "lockdown." Lockdowns can occur because of an intruder in the building, a physical plant issue which restricts movement or because of an issue which happens in the school's vicinity. When the call for a lockdown occurs each teacher must lock their door, direct the students to move to sections of the room which cannot be seen from the doorway and turn the room's lights off. The door is not to be opened until the "all clear" signal is heard.

Evacuation Drills: In the case of our building becoming uninhabitable we will move the student body to either the lobby of the Convention Center (CC) or the Providence Place Mall (PPM). Evacuation Drills are similar to Fire Drills in that the students proceed to an off-site location and assemble into Advisories. At the CC or PPM, students group with their Advisories. At that time students, with the help of their Advisor, can contact a parent or a person on their contact list for permission to dismiss. Students who are not able to reach a parent or emergency contact will remain in the custody of the school until dismissal time.