

2009 STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILL TIMELINE

School districts, private schools, preschools and daycare centers are urged to participate in the drill.

Weeks before the Drill:

Prepare

- Inform staff, students and parents
- Review and refine tornado plan

February 4th OR the Day of the Scheduled Drill:

After 8 a.m. ~ Consider a Tornado Watch to be in Effect

- Announce watch to staff and students
- Designate authority (coordinator)
- Evacuate tornado vulnerable areas

10:10 a.m. ~ Tornado Warning

- Receive message
- Coordinator determines threat

10:20 a.m.

- Upon determination of immediate threat, give “take shelter” or “duck and cover” command (depending on space available at location).

10:30 a.m. ~ Termination of Watch and Warning

- Give instructions to return to normal activities. (Remember: You will not receive notification. Terminate the drill as you see fit.)

After the Drill:

Wrap Up

- Following the drill, assess and revise the plan as needed.

The tornado warning will be broadcast on a NOAA Weather Radio and be encoded as a “weekly test” for this drill. The statewide drill is schedule for **Wednesday, February 4, 2009**, in conjunction with Hazardous Weather Awareness Week, but this drill can be conducted at any time and is a voluntary activity. If your school plans to participate in this drill, please click on the “Tornado Drill Participation Form” link on the Just Read, Florida! website and submit to DOE.