

Purpose: The StormReady Supporter application requires that your school's EOP has been exercised at least once in the last two years, that there is an annual severe weather drill, and that the staff of the building is trained in severe weather procedures and the EOP.

Instructions for Teacher: These three elements, for obvious reasons, are not student activities. As mentioned in Element 5-2, Element 5-4 (severe weather drill) can and should be included in the Severe Weather Safety Campaign. The drill is included as part of the Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness week activities on the Tornado day.

However, elements 5-3 (The EOP has been exercised in past two years) and 5-5 (staff trained in weather EOP procedures) come down to the administration ensuring that all staff is aware of the school's emergency operations plan.

In order to answer these elements, you will need to access the records of various EOP drills held in the building. It is strongly encouraged that for this element, you work with the building and district administration.

On the application, simply denote the dates of the recent occurrences of practicing the EOP and the severe weather safety drill. Your school's administration should be able to assist in providing information to respond to these elements. Severe Weather Drills are required to be held at least once annually, but two or more drills per year are suggested by the national StormReady board. Drills for sporting events and transportation can also be included in element 5-4 as well.

For Element 5-5, you can use your knowledge of your training to describe how the school's staff was training for pertinent portions of the EOP. However, if the EOP/severe weather drill is exercised frequently, it should allow the school to know if the staff is properly trained to handle weather crises.

Additional Information: If you have any questions on how these elements should be answered, please call our office in Chanhassen at the number below.

Reminder: The EOP must be exercised every two years, even if your StormReady Supporter status is not up for renewal that year, to maintain your StormReady Supporter Status.

