

Decision Tree

Unified Standards for School Safety and Security in Texas

Criteria for Inclusion in the Proposed *Unified Standards for School Safety in Texas*

Standard Number: _____ Page Number: _____ New Standard: _____

The standard is (check all that apply):

- Required by law (state and/or federal) **Specify:** _____
- Required by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) or other key agency **Specify:** _____
- Recommended by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), the U.S. Fire Administration, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) or other key agency **Specify:** _____

No

Omit

If Yes to any of the above

Work group reaches consensus of **80%** or greater as to whether or not the item should be included in the *Unified Standards for School Safety in Texas* based on **Yes** to **ALL** of the following considerations:

- Invariant over time:** Changes in political climate, federal guidelines, and other extraneous variables are not expected to impact the efficacy and appropriateness of the standard.
- Scaleable:** Actions suggested by the standard may be conducted by small school districts with limited resources as well as by large, urban districts with strong resources and a high level of complexity.
- Strong in face validity:** The standard simply appears to be critical to the safety and security of individuals in a school setting. A common sense approach to adopting the standard indicates that the action described constitutes a *key* feature of school safety and security.

**Must be 80% or greater
% Consensus=** _____

Yes

Does the standard require further action prior to inclusion?

No

Include as is

Yes

Does the standard need to be revised e.g. rewritten, combined with other standards?

Yes

Should the standard be in a different phase of the emergency cycle?

If Yes

Specify: _____

No

Should the item be included elsewhere -- Best Practice Guide, Operational Concepts?

No

Omit

Yes

In what other sections of the *Standards* or other document(s) should the item be located?

If Yes

Specify: _____

Yes

Does the item require revision or additional research?