



U.S. Department of Education
Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools

School Safety Audit

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Why Conduct a School Safety Audit?

- **To ensure the highest level of safety for our students, faculty, and staff;**
- **To evaluate the preparedness of our crisis management plan;**
- **To assist in the improvement of our plan;**
- **To facilitate planned life saving responses in the event of a crisis.**



Requirements of REMS grant

“Each school district shall adopt and implement a multi-hazard emergency operations plan for use in school districts...”

“Each school district shall conduct a security audit of the district’s facilities...”

- September 2007 – May 2008



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The results for the School Safety and Security audit must be presented to...

- the school district's board of trustees



Development of Audit

Texas School Safety Center

- Texas State University – San Marcos
- Outsourcing agency for safety and security

Adopted Ohio safety benchmarks

First responders recommendations

Intention is to improve, not obligated



Scope of the School Safety Audit

A school safety audit is an on-site review

(on ONE particular day) used to summarize the strengths and challenges in the following areas:

- **External facilities,**
- **Internal facilities,**
- **Communications,**
- **Planning, and**
- **Behavior.**



Over 300 line items in 17 categories.

Scoring process based on percentile.

- 0 – Not Applicable
- 1 – 25% Not True at all
- 2 – 50% Somewhat True
- 3 – 75% Mostly True
- 4 – 100% Very True



Example Scoring

Grounds and Exterior

1) The School has a marquee (or some other sign) visible from the road, clearly indicating the school's name.

- If none found... **25%** Not True at all
- If difficult to be located... **50%** Somewhat True
- If covered by tree limbs... **75%** Mostly True
- If found and clearly visible... **100%** Very True



Example Audit Summary

Summary Page	Number of items	Percentile Rank
1) Grounds and Building Exterior	26	85%
2) Buses and Parking	16	94%
3) Play/Outdoor Recreation Areas	9	100%
4) Building Access	10	68%
5) Keys & Identification	7	75%
6) Visitor Procedures	9	92%
7) Deliveries	4	100%
8) Building Interior	47	92%
9) Cafeteria	8	81%
10) Gymnasium Area	7	75%
11) Science Labs	25	90%
12) Other Specialized Areas	8	94%
13) Health Practices	7	86%
14) Monitoring and Surveillance	43	90%
15) Communications and Information	12	89%
16) Emergency Operations Plan	40	91%
17) School Climate and Culture	32	98%



Example Cafeteria

Strengths

School Safety/Security Item	Score	Percent	Description
1) The cafeteria is uniformly and adequately lit.	4	100%	Very True
2) A UL 300 compliant hood system is in place over the stove.	4	100%	Very True
3) The hood is inspected every three months.	4	100%	Very True
4) The freezer/cooler doors can be opened from the inside.	4	100%	Very True
5) A type K fire extinguisher is present in the kitchen area (ANSUL system).	4	100%	Very True
8) Receiving area has a window, peep hole, or intercom system to identify delivery personnel.	4	100%	Very True

Challenges

School Safety/Security Item	Score	Percent	Description
6) Staff know the location of electrical/gas/water shut-offs. Staff were not aware of shut offs valve locations.	1	25%	Not True
7) Receiving area doors locked when not in use. Receiving door was unlocked.	1	25%	Not True



school safety **AUDIT**



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Safety Recommendations



Welcome to Fabra!



Please sign in
at the office. *Thank you!*











For Entry

Please Knock

&

Stand in front of the peephole

For identification



Drive me crazy!

- **Buses to Keys**
- **Food service truck, locked and running!**
- **Oh, boy....it's a bomb!**
- **Who activated the fire drill?**
- **The land of portable buildings**



WELLS
SERIAL
NO. 123456
MAY 1988

Please...



NO IDLING

Children Breathing



Seeing Form

LOOK



LOOK



CAUTION
KILN IN OPERATION





- Potential predator
- Emergency lockdown kits
- Transformer
- Crisis Hit....they are ready



Loyal Faculty, Staff and Parents

Schools have the potential to become a SAFER and more SECURED environment by...

- Visitor procedures
- Locking doors
- Practicing drills



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