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Authority

The Board shall employ, contract for, and/or assign staff to coordinate the safety and security of district students, staff, visitors, and facilities.

Definitions

School security personnel - school police officers, school resource officers, and school security guards, as defined by law.[\[1\]](#)

Independent contractor - an individual, including a retired federal agent or retired state, municipal or military police officer or retired sheriff or deputy sheriff, whose responsibilities, including work hours, are established in a written contract with the district for the purpose of performing school security services.[\[1\]](#)

Third-party vendor - a company or entity approved by the Office for Safe Schools of the PA Department of Education or the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency that provides school security services in accordance with law.[\[1\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent shall appoint a school administrator to serve as the School Safety and Security Coordinator, in accordance with law.[\[2\]](#)

The School Safety and Security Coordinator shall report directly to the Superintendent, and shall be responsible to:[\[2\]](#)

1. Oversee any school security personnel;
2. Review and provide insight of all Board policies, administrative regulations and procedures related to school safety and security, and ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations regarding school safety and security;
3. Coordinate training and resources for students and staff related to situational awareness, trauma-informed approaches, behavioral health awareness, suicide and bullying, substance abuse, and emergency procedures and training drills, including fire, natural disaster, active shooter, hostage

situation, and bomb threat;[3][4][5][6][7][8][9]

4. Coordinate a tour of the district's buildings and grounds biennially, or when a building is first occupied or reconfigured, with law enforcement and first responders responsible for protecting and securing the district to discuss and coordinate school safety and security matters;
5. Serve as the liaison with law enforcement and other state committees and agencies on matters of school safety and security;
6. Serve on the district's threat assessment team(s) and participate in required training and the threat assessment process;
7. Coordinate School Safety and Security Assessments and respond to School Safety and Security surveys, as applicable; and[8][10].
8. By June 30 of each year, make a report to the Board at an executive session on the district's current safety and security practices, and identify strategies to improve school safety and security. [2][11]

The Board directs the School Safety and Security Coordinator consider the following information when preparing the annual report:

1. Threat assessment team information, including verification of compliance with law and regulations, the number and composition of the district's threat assessment team(s), the total number of threats assessed in the past year and any additional information on threat assessment required by the Superintendent of designee, in accordance with Board policy.
2. Reports of required emergency preparedness, fire, bus evacuation, and school security drills;[8]
3. Information on required school safety and security training and resources provided to students and staff;
4. Safe2Say Something aggregate data, including a breakdown of Life Safety and Non-Life Safety reports received;
5. Behavioral health and school climate information, including aggregate data from surveys and assessments issued in the district, information on referrals and services accessed by students and families, and identification of additional resources needed in the district;
6. Office for Safe Schools reports for the previous year(s) and/or data collected to date for the current year;
7. Updates regarding the district's Memorandum of Understanding with local law enforcement agencies;[12]
8. Updates to laws, regulations, and/or Board policies related to school safety and security;
9. Information on tours, inspections, and/or School Safety and Security Assessments of school facilities and programs; and/or
10. Information on grants or funding applied for and/or received in support of school safety and security efforts.

A copy of the report shall be submitted to the state's School Safety and Security Committee.[2]

School security personnel may carry weapons in accordance with applicable Board policies and state and federal laws and regulations.

Legal

1. 24 P.S. 1301-C
2. 24 P.S. 1309-B
3. Pol. 146
4. Pol. 227
5. Pol. 236
6. Pol. 249
7. Pol. 351
8. Pol. 805
9. Pol. 819
10. 24 P.S. 1305-B
11. Pol. 006
12. Pol. 805.1
13. 24 P.S. 1302-C
14. 24 P.S. 1310-C
15. 24 P.S. 1311-C
16. Pol. 304
17. Pol. 818
18. 24 P.S. 1303-C
19. 24 P.S. 1304-C
20. 24 P.S. 1305-C
21. 22 PA Code 10.23
22. 22 PA Code 14.104
23. 22 PA Code 14.133
24. Pol. 113.2
25. 24 P.S. 1306-C
26. 24 P.S. 1307-C
27. Pol. 909
28. 24 P.S. 1313-C
29. 24 P.S. 1314-C
30. Pol. 907
31. 24 P.S. 1309-C
32. 42 Pa. C.S.A. 8953
33. 53 Pa. C.S.A. 2303
- 53 Pa. C.S.A. 2301 et seq
- Pol. 705
- Pol. 709