



POLICY NO. 2000

SCHOOL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND MONITORING

ONE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD'S HIGHEST PRIORITIES IS THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF ALL STUDENTS, STAFF AND VISITORS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6A-1.0018, F.A.C., ADOPTED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (FLDOE), THE DISTRICT WILL ENFORCE AND ADHERE TO THE SCHOOL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED WITHIN THIS POLICY AND ITS RULES.

I. Rules

A. District Information

1. The Superintendent shall designate a District School Safety Specialist for the District who is either a school administrator employed by the District, or a law enforcement officer employed by the sheriff's office located in the District, as provided by Section 1006.076(a), F. S.
 - a. In accordance with Section 6A-1.0018(3)(a), F.A.C., the school district will submit the name, phone number, and email address of the District School Safety Specialist to the Office of Safe Schools at SafeSchools@fldoe.org by August 1 of each year.
2. When any changes occur to this information, the District shall update the information within one (1) school day.
 - a. Within thirty (30) calendar days of appointment, the District School Safety Specialist shall complete the following online Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Independent Study courses: Multi-Hazard Planning for Childcare: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100; Preparing for Mass Casualty Incidents: A Guide for Schools, Higher Education, and Houses of Worship; Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools; and Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters. These courses can be

found at <https://training.fema.gov/>. The District School Safety Specialist shall maintain certificates of completion.

- b. Within one (1) year of appointment, and annually thereafter, the District School Safety Specialist shall earn a certificate of completion of school safety specialist training provided by the Office of Safe Schools.

B. The District School Safety Specialist

1. The District School Safety Specialist is responsible for the supervision and oversight of all school safety and security personnel, policies, and procedures in the District, including the supervision and oversight of such matters at charter schools.
2. In accordance with Section 6A-1.0018(4)(b), F.A.C., the District School Safety Specialist shall review school district and charter school policies and procedures at least annually for compliance with state law and rules, as provided by Section 1006.07(6)(a)1., F.S.
3. All District traditional public schools and charter schools shall immediately notify the District assigned School Safety Specialist of certain critical or emergency incidents that occur on school premises or those involving students attending the school by calling the District Security Operations Center (DSOC) at 754-321-3500. Such incidents include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Possession or use involving a firearm or any other type of weapon (i.e., BB gun, stun gun, any size knife, pepper spray, brass knuckles, ammunition, etc.)
 - b. Any incident involving flames/fire at the school (not fire alarms)
 - c. A student threat of self-harm or a threat to others
 - d. A threat to shoot/bomb school facilities
 - e. Any anonymous written threats
 - f. Any major campus disruptions/fights
 - g. Any act involving sexual misconduct to include sexual battery, lewd molestation, lewd exhibition, or lewd conduct
 - h. Any student arrest(s) by law enforcement

- i. Any lockdowns and the reason(s) for the emergency response(s)
4. In accordance with Section 6A-1.0018(4)(c)1, 2, and 3, F.A.C., instances at a school of noncompliance with requirements of this policy, applicable state law, or applicable rules relating to safety, shall be identified and corrected as follows:
 - a. Deficiencies relating to safe-school officer coverage must be resolved by the next school day;
 - b. Notification shall be provided to the Office of Safe Schools within twenty-four (24) hours at SafeSchools@fldoe.org or any deficiencies relating to safe-school officer coverage and any instance of noncompliance that is determined to be an imminent threat to the health, safety, or welfare of students or staff. Notifications made under this subparagraph must contain particularized facts beyond generalized references to noncompliance with a rule or statute and must explain the imminent threat;
 - c. Notification to the Office of Safe Schools within three (3) school days at SafeSchools@fldoe.org of any instance of noncompliance not corrected within sixty calendar (60) days;
 - d. In accordance with Section 6A-1.0018(5)(d), F.A.C., the District School Safety Specialist shall report an instance of noncompliance to the Superintendent of Schools within one (1) school day of knowledge of such noncompliance; and
 - e. The District School Safety Specialist is responsible for the completion of all surveys conducted by the Office of Safe Schools regarding safe-school officer assignment by school.
 - f. The District School Safety Specialist will ensure that all District teachers and staff are provided annual training to properly utilize the selected Alyssa's Alert mobile panic alert system.
 - g. The District School Safety Specialist shall ensure that all District schools timely report the information required by Section 6A1.0018(10)(g), F.A.C., by October 1 and that said information is reported using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT).
 - h. The District School Safety Specialist shall annually:

- i. Complete a school security risk assessment on or before October 1 at each public school in the District using the FSSAT, as provided in Section 1006.07(6)(a)4, F.S., and Section 1006.1493, F.S. The school security risk assessment is not required for virtual schools or programs that do not have a physical school site.
 - ii. Report by October 15 each year in the FSSAT that required school security risk assessments are completed, as provided in Section 1011.62(15), F.S.
 - iii. Provide recommendations to the School Board and the Superintendent, identifying strategies and activities to improve safety and security, as provided in Section 1006.07(6)(a)4, F.S.
 - iv. Submit in the FSSAT a District best practices assessment which includes the school security risk assessment findings and recommendations as provided in Section 1006.07(6)(a)4., F.S., within thirty (30) calendar days after The School Board meets to receive such findings, but not later than November 1.
- i. The District School Safety Specialist shall coordinate with public safety agencies, as defined in Section 365.171, F.S., that are designated first responders to a school's campus to tour each school's campus once every three (3) years and to provide recommendations related to school safety. Completion of such tours and any recommendations shall be documented in each school's security risk assessment within FSSAT. The school safety recommendations made by public safety agencies shall be included in the District School Safety Specialist's report to the Superintendent and The School Board.

C. Monitoring by the Office of Safe Schools – Process

- 1. District staff and staff of individual public schools within the District must keep records demonstrating that the requirements of Section 6A-1.0018, F.A.C., and this policy are met and must provide those records to the Office of Safe Schools upon request.
- 2. When a notice of suspected deficiency is received from the Office of Safe Schools by the District School Safety

Specialist, that notice will be provided to the Superintendent of Schools within one (1) school day of its receipt.

- a. When a notice of suspected deficiency concerns a failure to have a safe-school officer established or assigned at a school facility, as required by Section 1006.12, F.S., the District School Safety Specialist shall respond in writing to the Office of Safe Schools and verify that the school(s) identified in the notice had a safe-school officer on site by the next school day.
- b. In all other cases in which a notice of suspected deficiency is received, the District School Safety Specialist shall respond in writing to the Office of Safe School within five (5) school days and verify that the school district or school has corrected the suspected deficiency, or within that same period, submit a written plan describing how the school district will bring the identified school(s) into compliance. A plan submitted under this paragraph shall include an estimated date of completion for the corrective measures and an explanation of alternate security measures designated to maintain a safe learning environment which such corrections are being implemented.

D. Safe-School Officer

1. The school district shall establish or assign at least one (1) safe-school officer at each public school facility within the District, as provided in Section 1006.12, F.S.
2. A public school facility means a public K-12 school, including a charter school, with a Master School Identification Number (MSID), as provided under Rule 6A-1.0018, F.A.C, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Schools with separate MSID numbers that are located at the same physical location and are co-located with each other are a single school facility.
 - b. Schools that are located at separate physical locations and are not co-located but share one MSID number are separate school facilities.
 - c. A school facility does not include:
 - i. Schools without a physical location for instruction of students, such as virtual schools, virtual instruction

- programs, virtual course offerings, franchises of the Florida Virtual School and virtual charter schools;
- ii. Settings where instruction is provided in a county jail or state prison, in a Department of Juvenile Justice facility or program in a hospital, or while a student is homebound;
 - iii. Schools that provide only prekindergarten or adult education;
 - iv. Technical centers under Section 1004.91, F.S.; and
 - v. Private schools, regardless of whether their students receive state scholarship funds under Chapter 1002, F.S.
3. A safe-school officer shall be present, at a minimum, during the school day when the school facility is open for instruction, as defined by the school calendar adopted by The School Board.
 4. The Superintendent, in consultation with the District's Chief of Safety & Security Officer and assigned School Safety Specialist, is responsible for developing procedures relating to the assignment of safe school officers outside of the regular school day, including during, before, and after school, summer school, during extracurricular activities, and for school-sponsored events. In developing such procedures, the Superintendent must consider factors including, without limitation, as the number of persons present, the ratio of District staff members to students, and other available safety measures.

E. Charter School Access to the FSSAT

1. The District shall collaborate with the assigned principal at each District charter school to ensure accuracy of FSSAT user and assessor information is ascertained to provide charters direct access to allow personnel input into the FSSAT to complete the annual school security risk assessment.
2. The District will directly query charter schools to gather and provide information for inclusion within the completion of the District's best practice assessment in the FSSAT.

F. Emergency Drills and Procedures

1. All applicable state and local provisions pertaining to the District's requirements for active assailant response plans and emergency drills and procedures, including, but not limited to, statutory requirements for appropriate public safety agencies active planning and participation in coordination with the District, particularly the physical presence and active involvement of law enforcement officers in such emergency drills and actual emergencies, can be found in School Board Policy 2120 – Emergency Preparedness & Responses.

G. Student Identification Cards

1. As required by Section 1008.386, F.S., and beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, student identification cards issued to students in grades 6 through 12 must include the telephone numbers for national or statewide crisis and suicide hotlines and text lines. Students will be expected to always wear their official school-issued identification (ID) badge clearly visible in accordance with Section III – Dress Code section of the Code of Student Conduct.

H. Threat Assessment Teams

1. All applicable state and local requirements pertaining to threat assessments teams and other requirements can be found in School Board Policy 2130 - Behavioral Threat Assessment (BTA).

I. Zero-Tolerance Policies and Agreements with Law Enforcement

1. All applicable state and local requirements pertaining to zero-tolerance can be found in School Board Policy 5006 – Suspension and Expulsion.

J. Emergency Notification Requirements

1. All applicable state and local requirements pertaining to the District's requirements to provide timely parental notification of significant emergencies and involuntary examinations can be found in School Board Policy 5.8 – Code of Student Conduct.

