

HCS D District-wide School Safety Plan Presentation

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District Wide Safety Plan Requirements

NYS Education Department Requirements

- Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) 2000
- Education Law §807 and §2801-a
- Commissioner's Regulation 155.17
- District Policy
 - Annually reviewed by District Wide Safety team appointed by the board of education
 - Members include
 - School board member
 - Teacher/Administrator/Parent organizations
 - School safety personnel
 - BOCES H&S staff
 - Student representative - DW plan only
 - Other school personnel



District Wide Safety Plan Requirements

A comprehensive, multi hazard safety plan that covers all school buildings of the school district, to address crisis intervention, emergency response and management at the district level.

Plan reflects district policies and procedures for:

- responding to acts of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel and visitors to the school, including threats by students against themselves, which may include threats of suicide
- responding to implied or direct threats of violence by students, teachers, other school personnel and visitors to the school
- annual school safety training for students and staff
- dissemination of informative materials regarding the early detection of potentially violent behaviors



District Wide Safety Plan Requirements

Plan reflects district policies and procedures for:

- appropriate prevention and intervention strategies
- includes DASA and Code of Conduct requirements
- communication to parents/guardians
- requests for assistance to local governments and emergency responders
- review and conduct of drills and other exercises
- school building security

<https://www.p12.nysed.gov/ssd/documents/QuickGuideEmerPlanningAug2021final.pdf>



District Wide Safety Plan Requirements

Plan must be board adopted by September 1 and made available for public comment at least thirty days prior to its adoption by the Board of Education 30-day public comment period

- Must be posted on the district website – within 30 days of adoption – no later than October 1
 - Meets SED submission compliance when posted

School staff trained annually in school safety protocols by September 15 of each year

- Annual training on the emergency response plan, and that the school safety training include violence prevention and components on mental health
- New employees hired after the start of the school year shall receive training within 30 days of hire or as part of a district's existing new hire training program, whichever is sooner

Recent SED updates for DW plans

- SRO agreement (2020), public health emergency plan (2021), Alyssa's law (2022), remote instruction plan (2023),

District Wide Safety Plan Requirements



District Chief Emergency Officer

- Coordination of the communication between school staff, law enforcement and other first responders
- Leads the efforts of the district-wide school safety team in the completion and yearly update of the district-wide school safety plan and the coordination of the district-wide plan with the building-level emergency response plans
- Ensure staff understanding of the district-wide school safety plan
- Ensure the completion and yearly update of building-level emergency response plans for each school building
 - Building levels plans are confidential
 - Filed with NYS and local PD within 30 days of adoption but no later than Oct 15
- Assist in the selection of security related technology and development of related policies
- Coordinate required emergency training
- Ensure required drills are completed



Emergency Remote Instruction Plan

- New requirement from NYSED to have this plan as an appendix in the District-wide School Safety Plan
- Outlines how the District will address the instruction of students if extraordinary circumstances prevent students and staff from physically attending school (i.e. a pandemic, a snow day)
- Districts that would close due to an emergency may, **but are not required to**, remain in session and provide instruction through remote learning and count these instructional days towards the annual hours requirement for State Aid purposes
- Mandatory topics addresses in the Emergency Remote Instruction Plan include the following:
 - **Internet and Digital Device Access**
 - Accessing and addressing the need to provide Chromebooks and hotspots
 - **Pedagogy**
 - Using the applications available in Google Workspace (i.e. Google Meets, Google Classroom)
 - Synchronous instruction, asynchronous instruction, independent instruction
 - **Student Expectations**
 - Cameras on/off as required, attendance, behavior, dress code
 - **Daily Schedule**
 - Expected to follow the daily schedule, with guidance from administration
 - **Communication Protocol: Intervention**
 - Follow the same protocols used in school when addressing behavioral or academic need
 - **Special Services**
 - Required to implement supports and services as stated on IEPs and 504 Plans, “using a lens of reasonableness”
 - **Non-instructional Services**
 - Transportation, Food Service, Maintenance, Custodial, Clerical Support
 - The decision to report to work will be made on a case-by-case basis for each group

Any Questions?



- Any public comments/questions during this 30 Day Period can be emailed to the Board Clerk, Tracy Gaffney. gaffneyt@hudsoncsd.org
- Besides BoardDocs, the Direct Link on the website to the Plan is:
<https://www.hudsoncsd.org/district/district-plans/>