

GADSDEN DISTRICT SCHOOLS

2003-2004 School Safety and Security Self-Assessment

Best Practices



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Safety and Security Best Practices Self-Assessment

Efficiency and Effectiveness

1. The district has established and implemented accountability mechanisms to ensure the performance, efficiency, and effectiveness of the safety and security program.
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Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Efficiency and Effectiveness

2. The district ensures the accuracy of its discipline and safety and security related data to the Department of education.
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Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Efficiency and Effectiveness

3. The district regularly reviews the organizational structure and staffing levels of the safety and security program and minimizes administrative layers and processes.
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Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Safety Planning

4. The district has implemented a school safety plan that includes district wide emergency and safety procedures and identifies those responsible for them.
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Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Safety Planning

5. The district develops and maintains its school safety plan and emergency response procedures with stakeholder input.
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Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

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Safety Planning

6. The district conducts an annual review of all relevant health and safety issues for each educational facility.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Safety Planning

7. The district has developed emergency response procedures.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Safety Planning

8. The district has provided each school with an emergency checklist.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Safety Planning

9. The district and each school regularly practice emergency responses based on potential safety concerns at each site.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Safety Planning

10. The district provides emergency response agencies with floor plans and blueprints as appropriate.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

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11. The district's Master Plan for In-Service Training identifies district and school personnel Training needs and provides for appropriate levels of safety training, including class-Room management and violence and alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs training, for all appropriate Personnel. x
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Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Discipline Policies and Code of Student Conduct

12. The district and each school have a code of student conduct based on stakeholder Input and revised on an annual basis.
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Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Discipline Policies and Code of Student Conduct

13. The district's code of student conduct and other policies provide clear procedures for handling Disciplinary actions.
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Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

School Climate and Outreach

14. The district has a process in place to minimize danger to students from community members, staff, or other students, and minimize danger to teachers from students.
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Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

School Climate and Outreach

15. Each school has a system in place to identify students that exhibit early warning signs of, or pose a threat of future violent behavior.
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Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

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School Climate and Outreach

16. The district identifies and implements parent and community outreach strategies to promote safety in the home and community.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Safety Programs and Curricula

17. The district fosters a positive learning climate and culture by assessing the school climate and implementing relevant scientifically based curricula and programs at each school.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Safety Programs and Curricula

18. The district has an approved Safe and Drug-Free School Plan that has been developed with appropriate stakeholder input.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Safety Programs and Curricula

19. Based on the district's prevention needs assessment process, the district implements scientifically based violence and drug prevention programs and curricula for each school.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Safety Programs and Curricula

20. Each school has a system in place to identify, assess, and minimize the risk for students indicating a threat of, or exhibiting suicidal behavior.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

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Facilities and Equipment

21. The district designs educational facilities and sites to enhance security and reduce vandalism through the use of “safe school design” principles.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Facilities and Equipment

22. The district has procedures that govern access to each educational facility and its students and access is limited to authorized students and visitors.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Facilities and Equipment

23. The district ensures that playgrounds are properly constructed, maintained, and supervised so as to reduce the risk of injury.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Facilities and Equipment

24. Each educational facility has appropriate equipment to protect the safety and security of property and records.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Facilities and Equipment

25. The district provides appropriate safety equipment and information to prevent injuries to students and others.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

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26. The district follows environmental and food safety health practices and regulations.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Transportation

27. The district has procedures to create a safe and orderly process for students arriving at or leaving each school campus.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Transportation

28. The district has implemented policies, procedures, and practices that ensure the safety of transported students.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			

Transportation

29. School buses, including buses operated by schools, charter schools, and contractors, are inspected and maintained in accordance with state laws and state Department of Education rules.

Does the District Meet the Best Practice?	Yes	No	In Progress	N/A
	X			
