

## **6A-1.0018 School Safety Requirements and Monitoring**

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) Monitoring by the District School Safety Specialist.

(a) No change.

(b) Districts must establish policies that require the school safety specialist to 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. Districts must submit all school district and charter school policies and written procedures pertaining to the health, safety or welfare of students to the Office of Safe Schools by July 1 of each year.

(c) No change.

(5) No change.

(6) Safety Requirements. The Office will monitor schools and school districts for compliance with the safety requirements set forth in subsections (7) through ~~(22)~~(20) of this rule.

(7) through (8) No change.

(9) FortifyFL.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) School districts are required to promote FortifyFL and consequences of knowingly submitting false information, as provided in Section 943.082(4)(b), F.S. Districts are required to:

1. through 4. No change.

(10) Threat assessment teams.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) Instrument. Each school-based threat assessment team must use the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG) model to assess the behavior of persons who may pose a threat to school staff or students and to coordinate intervention and services for such persons. All reported threats, even those determined not to be a threat, must be documented by the threat assessment team. Documentation must include the evaluation process and any resultant action. Requirements for retention, maintenance, and transfer of threat assessment records are found in Rule 6A-1.0955, F.A.C. Because the purpose of the threat assessment is to identify and intervene in response to threats to school safety, completing a threat assessment does not require parental consent; however, a student's parent must be notified if the threat assessment process reveals information about a student's mental,

emotional, or physical health or well-being, or results in a change in related services or monitoring. Threat assessment teams must follow local district policies and procedures for required parent notification.

(e) through (f) No change.

(g) Reporting. Each district must ensure that all threat assessment teams in the district report to the Office on the team's activities during the previous school year. The district school safety specialist must ensure all schools in the district timely report information required by this paragraph. Information ~~described below~~ is due by October 1 and must be reported using the FSSAT: Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, the total number of threat assessments conducted, disaggregated by the total number of non-threats, the total number of transient threats, the total number of substantive threats, and the sex, race, and grade level of all students assessed by the threat assessment team.

~~1. For the 2021-22 school year, the total number of threat assessments conducted, the number of transient threats, and the number of substantive threats.~~

~~2. Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, the information required by subparagraph (10)(g)1. and the gender, race, and grade level of all students assessed by the threat assessment team.~~

(h) Notification to Parents.

1. through 5. No change.

(11) through (18) No change.

(19) Bullying and Harassment Prevention.

(a) Each school district must adopt a policy prohibiting bullying and harassment of students and employees that is consistent with the Department's Model Policy Against Bullying ~~Bulling~~ and Harassment and meets all requirements in Section 1006.147(4), F.S. The policy must be reviewed at a minimum every three (3) years.

(b) No change.

(20) Youth Mental Health Awareness and Assistance Training. Each district school safety specialist shall ensure that all school personnel within his or her school district receive youth mental health awareness and assistance training, as provided in Section 1012.584, F.S.

~~(21)(20) School Safety Specialist Training.~~

(a) through (c) No change.

~~(22)(21) Reporting Safe-School Officer Discipline, Dismissal or Discharge of Firearm.~~

(a) No change.

(b) Officer dismissal or discipline.

1. No change.

2. The district school superintendent must notify the Office when there is an allegation of misconduct that results in a safe-school officer being placed on administrative leave or reassigned pending completion of an investigation using the procedure set forth in subparagraph ~~(22)(21)~~(b)1. Within fifteen (15) days of completion of the investigation, updated information regarding the result of the investigation must be provided to the Office.

(c) No change.

~~(23)(22)~~ Charter School Safety Requirements.

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Charter schools and their governing boards are responsible for meeting the safety requirements set forth in this rule. All safety requirements as set forth in subsections (6)-(17) ~~and (20), and ~~(21)-(22)~~~~ apply to charter schools, with any changes to the requirements set forth below:

1. through 10. No change.

~~(24)(23)~~ Virtual Schools. Virtual schools and their governing boards are responsible for meeting the safety requirements set forth in this rule, with any changes to the requirements set forth below:

(a) Except for the requirement to complete the district best practices assessment found in paragraph (13)(e), subsections (7), (8), (13)-(16) and (20)-~~(21)(22)~~ of this rule are inapplicable to schools without a physical location for instruction of students, such as virtual schools, virtual instruction programs, franchises of the Florida Virtual School and virtual charter schools.

(b) No change.

~~(25) (24)~~ The following forms are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400.

(a) through (d) No change.

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