

DSD Safety and Security Report

2022-23 School Year

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Act 44

On June 22, 2018, the Act 44 of the Public School Code was amended to contain multiple provisions for safety and security preparedness. These amendments include:

- ❑ Appointment of School Safety Coordinator
- ❑ Expanding the PSP RVAT (Pennsylvania State Police Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Team)
- ❑ Establishing mandatory safety training for school personnel
- ❑ Establishing a School Safety Committee

Fulfillment of Act 44 Training Mandates

- All building level staff will receive 2 hours of situational awareness training.
- All building level staff also received 1 hour of in person emergency training.
- Current account of all Act 44 related items kept and archived by the Safety and Security Coordinator.
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*Aligned with Policy 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response

EOP - Emergency Operations Plan

- Produced in conjunction with Rain Public Planning.
- Reviewed/amended as needed annually
- Specific notation on protocols and reactions for various emergency circumstances.
- All districts share w/ Luzerne County 911



PSP RVAT

- Pennsylvania State Police Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Team
- Provided detailed report in 2021 as to areas of possible concern or recommended mitigation.
- District Administration used information to make campus wide adjustments as illustrated by the RVAT reports.

Ex. Door handles, signage, lighting...

Campus Security

SROs

- Continued Partnership with the Dallas Twp. Police Department
- 2 full time SROs (School Resource Officers)
- Additional Officers as needed for special events, athletics, etc..

SSOs

- 3 School Security Officers via the Curley Security Agency
- Circulating through campus throughout school day and post school day and at special events.

Additional Security Measures

- Security Screenings at DMS and DHS conducted at both levels with in a tiered system.
- Installation of door alert system in all buildings.
 - Direct alert notification
 - Audible alert on select



Drills/Exercises

-Building Level Drills (Monthly)

-Fire, Lockdown, "Stay Put"

-Bus Exercises

-Call Back Drill, Staging Ex., Bus Evac.

-Campus Wide Exercises

-Elementary - 3/29/23

-Secondary - 4/5/23



Safe2Say Something Program

- Anonymous Reporting System designed by state
- All students exposed to the program annually at building level
- District administration monitors and addresses as reports are made through the platform



New Safety Initiatives Implemented

-Door Alert System - Campus Wide

-Execution of RVAT recommendations (locks, signage, etc..)

-New Bus Camera System

-Bus tracking software training

-“Go Bucket” refresh

-Updated Emergency Flip Charts

-Revisited Connectedness Activity

-Piloting Vape Detectors

Threat Assessment Team

- ❑ Team Make-up
 - ❑ Administration
 - ❑ School Counselor
 - ❑ Special Education
 - ❑ Local Law Enforcement
 - ❑ Home/School
- ❑ Meets every at least once per MP and as warranted
- ❑ Purpose:
 - ❑ Mandated by Act 55
 - ❑ Assesses potential threats to school as posed by students through actions or communications.
 - ❑ Designed to identify and address “at-risk” behavior through circumstantial resources.
- ❑ Steps:
 - ❑ Identify, Inquire, Assess, Manage

Prom and Graduation Season Billboard

- Donated through assistance from Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drug Services.
- Will be located on Rte. 309 within the district boundary from 4/17 - 6/11.

#NOTMYTHING

MAKE WISE CHOICES DURING PROM AND GRADUATION SEASON



NEED HELP? CALL **2-1-1**

Upcoming...

- School Climate Surveys
 - Students, staff, community
- Meetings with CRTs (Crisis Response Teams)

Thank You

Questions or input from the board?