

# The School Safety Survey

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## Essential Questions for School Safety Planning

Choose a minimum of 5 staff, including 1 administrator, 1 custodial staff member, 1 supervisory/classified member, 1 certified member and 1 office staff member, to complete this survey. Please place a check (X) next to the item that best reflects your opinion for each question. Your responses will be valuable in determining training and support needs related to school safety and violence prevention.

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**District:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Role:**

1. Administrator \_\_\_\_\_
2. Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
3. Special Education Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
4. Educational Assistant \_\_\_\_\_
5. Office Staff \_\_\_\_\_
6. Custodial Staff \_\_\_\_\_
7. Related Service Provider \_\_\_\_\_
8. Student \_\_\_\_\_
9. Parent \_\_\_\_\_
10. Community Member \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Other \_\_\_\_\_ Section One: Assessment of Risk Factors for School Safety and Violence**

Indicate the extent to which these factors exist in your school and neighborhood:	Rating				
	not at all	minimally	moderately	extensively	don't know
Illegal weapons.					
Vandalism.					
High student mobility (i.e. frequent changes in school enrollment).					
Graffiti.					
Gang activity.					
Truancy.					
Student suspensions and/or expulsions.					
Students adjudicated by the court.					
Parents withdrawing students from school because of safety concerns.					
Child abuse in the home.					
Trespassing on school grounds.					
Poverty.					
Crimes (e.g. theft, extortion, hazing).					
Illegal drug and alcohol use.					
Fights, conflict, and assault.					
Incidence of bullying, intimidation, and harassment.					
Deteriorating condition of the physical facilities in the school.					

**Section Two: Assessment of Protection Factors for School Safety and Violence**

Indicate the extent to which these factors exist in your school and neighborhood:	Rating				
	not at all	minimally	moderately	extensively	don't know

Opportunity for extracurricular programs and sports activities.					
Professional development and staff training.					
Crisis and emergency response plans.					
Consistently implemented school-wide discipline plans.					
Student support services in school (e.g. counseling, monitoring, support team systems).					
Parent involvement in our school (e.g. efforts to enhance school safety, student support).					
Student preparation for crises and emergencies.					
Supervision of students across all settings.					
Suicide prevention/response plans.					
Student participation and involvement in academic activities.					
Positive school climate for learning.					
Acceptance of diversity.					
Response to conflict and problem solving.					
Collaboration with community resources.					
High expectations for student learning and productivity.					
Effective student-teacher relationships.					

### **Section Three: Your Comments on School Safety and Violence**

1. What is the most pressing safety need in your school?
2. What school safety activities does your school do best?
3. What topics are most important for training and staff development?
4. What are the biggest barriers to improved school safety measures?
5. What other comments do you have regarding school safety?
6. What other factors not included in this survey do you believe affect school safety?