



Summer Targeted Partial Safety Audit

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Purpose

Thank you, district, charter school, and campus leaders for your commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of students and staff. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) coordinated with the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC), representatives from the regional service centers (ESC), and district and charter school (school system) personnel to develop this tool. The Summer Targeted Partial Safety Audit is designed to assist school systems with the following:

1. assessing current aspects of certain high yielding safety and security practices, and
2. identifying actions to make campuses more secure prior to the start of the new school year.

Approaches

School systems can approach this audit in a number of different ways, including by using outside service providers to perform the audit. In discussions with district leaders, two primary options surfaced in terms of how districts considered conducting the audit:

Option A: School systems may wish to convene a team of central office personnel to complete the Summer Targeted Partial Safety Audit for each of their campuses. Once a summer partial audit is completed for each campus, the team should compile results, then meet to debrief successes and outline next steps for any area(s) where a deficiency or opportunity for improvement was noted.

Option B: School systems may choose to assign campus designee(s) to complete the Summer Targeted Partial Safety Audit for the designee's campus only. If this option is selected, it is highly recommended that school systems develop a local procedure for reviewing campus submissions and meet to debrief successes and outline next steps for any area(s) where a deficiency or opportunity for improvement was noted.

This tool also includes an optional Companion Guide tab that provides additional considerations for school systems to review and reflect on in support of further safety and security planning for the new school year. Use of those guiding questions is entirely optional.

Additional Information

As a component of a school's safety and security audit, information collected under this tool is not subject to disclosure under Ch. 552, Government Code, pursuant to TEC, Sections 37.108, 37.2071, and other relevant statutory provisions. This disclosure exception continues to apply if this information is shared with TEA or TxSSC.

Use of this tool is not a substitute for a full security audit as required under TEC, Sec. 37.108(b). Instead, school systems will use this tool during summer 2022 to reflect on current practices and allow the findings of this partial audit to inform campus safety and security priorities for the start of the new school year. Additionally, at least once every three years, each school system shall conduct a safety and security audit of the system's facilities. To the extent possible, a system shall follow safety and security audit procedures developed by the Texas School Safety Center or a person included in the registry established by the Texas School Safety Center under TEC, Sec. 37.2091. Use of this tool does not exempt a school system from any subsequent requirements pertaining to TEC, Sec. 37.108(b).

Please note: Districts and charter schools (school systems) will certify the information from the Summer Targeted Partial Safety Audit in September 2022 with the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) in the manner determined by TxSSC. Under TEC, Secs. 37.108 and 37.109, the results of this audit shall be reviewed at a subsequent School Safety and Security Committee meeting, which can occur in executive session.

As referenced on the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) website, while the term "audit" is included in TEC 37.108, the process developed by the TxSSC was designed as a self-assessment of a school system's safety and security. Audits should be an ongoing process with the aim of identifying hazards, threats, and vulnerabilities that might pose a danger to life or property or may interfere with a safe, secure and healthy environment that is conducive to teaching and learning. Additional tools to support school systems in their safety and security audits can be found here:

[School Safety and Security Audit Toolkit | Texas School Safety Center \(txstate.edu\)](https://www.txstate.edu/school-safety-center/school-safety-and-security-audit-toolkit)

For additional information about the TEA Safe and Supportive Schools Program visit:

[Safe and Supportive School Program | Texas Education Agency](https://www.tea.texas.gov/safe-supportive-schools-program)