



2023-2026 Audit Survey

The Texas Education Code (TEC) §37.108(c) requires school districts to report the results of their safety and security audits to the district's board of trustees and to the Texas School Safety Center. The district must maintain a copy of the report signed by the district's board of trustees and the superintendent.

Section 10

Audit Survey Signature Page and Summary of Responses

Below is a summary of your audit survey responses. Please review the responses, electronically sign, and select the "Print to PDF" button to print the audit survey responses for the school safety and security committee to review and for the board of trustees and superintendent to review and sign. Those signatures may be collected in the "Required Signatures" box below.

You must return to the audit survey to complete the submission prior to the September 15 deadline. The individual responsible for submitting this report will be required to attest yes or no to the following questions after printing the report:

- The data reported in this survey is accurate.
- A copy of this survey data has been reviewed by the school safety and security committee.
- A copy of this survey data has been reviewed and signed by the district's board of trustees and the superintendent prior to submitting it to the Texas School Safety Center.
- The signed copy of this survey data will be maintained by the school district.

The attestation is on the following page and must be completed prior to submission.

Reference: TEC §37.108(c); TEC §37.108(c)(1); TEC §37.109(b)(4)

Section 1

District Demographics

1. First name of person reporting

Answer: Yancey

2. Last name of person reporting

Answer: Sanderson

3. Title of person reporting

Answer: Assistant Superintendent

4. Contact email for person reporting

Answer: ysanderson@gatesvilleisd.org

5. Contact phone number for person reporting (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Answer: 254-865-7251

6. Name of District Superintendent

Answer: Barrett Pollard

7. Email address of District Superintendent

Answer: bpollard@gatesvilleisd.org

8. What is the highest grade level your district serves?

Answer: 12

Section 2

Safety and Security Audit Information

9. Were safety and security audits conducted for ALL your district's facilities during the 2023-2026 audit cycle?

Reference: TEC §37.108(b)

Answer: Yes

10a. Did your district receive school safety or security consulting services from an outside consultant (not employed by your district or regional education service center)?

Answer: No

Section 3

Law Enforcement and Non-Law Enforcement Security Personnel

11a. During regular school hours, what type(s) of armed security officers are present across your district's campus(es)? *(Please select all that apply.)*

Reference: TEC §37.0814

Selected Answer(s):

School District Peace Officer (ISD police department officer)

11b. Does the Chief of Police of the school district police department appoint reserve police officers?

Reference: TEC §37.0814(b)(5); TEC §37.0816

Answer: No

11c. Does your district have at least one of the following positions present during regular school hours at *each* district campus?

Reference: TEC §37.0814(a)(b)

- **School District Peace Officer (ISD police department officer)**
- **School Resource Officer (peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency full- or part-time)**
- **Commissioned Peace Officer Employed as Security Personnel**
- **Reserve Deputy Sheriff**
- **Reserve Police Officer (appointed by the Chief of Police of the school district police department)**
- **Honorably Retired Officer who has kept their commission as a peace officer and fulfilled all applicable requirements**

Answer: Yes

11f. In your district, is the Chief of Police accountable to and required to report to the superintendent?

Reference: TEC §37.081(f)

Answer: Yes

11g. Are district officers supervised by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee?

Reference: TEC §37.081(f)

Answer: Yes

11h. Are district officers licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)?

Reference: TEC §37.081(f)

Answer: Yes

11i. Have your district's police department and law enforcement agencies, with which it has overlapping jurisdiction, entered a memorandum of understanding that outlines reasonable communication and coordination efforts between the department and the agencies?

Reference: TEC §37.081(g)

Answer: Yes

11j. Has your district's board of trustees determined the scope of the on-duty and off-duty law enforcement activities of school district peace officers and authorized in writing, any off-duty law enforcement activities performed by a school district peace officer?

Reference: TEC §37.081(e)

Answer: Yes

11k. Have the law enforcement and/or security personnel that serve on your campuses completed the required education and training program(s)?

Reference: TEC §37.0812(b); TEC §37.0814(d); Texas Government Code §418.1877(b)(c)(d)

Answer: Yes

11l. Does your district's board of trustees determine the law enforcement duties of peace officers, school resource officers, and/or security personnel?

Reference: TEC §37.081(d)

Answer: Yes

11m. Are your district's law enforcement duties of school district peace officers, school resource officers, or security personnel in the following documents?

Reference: TEC §37.081(d)(1-4)

District improvement plan

Answer: Yes

Student code of conduct

Answer: Yes

Any other campus or district document describing the role of peace officers, school resource officers, or security personnel in the district

Answer: Yes

11n. Do your school district peace officers, school resource officers, and/or security personnel perform law enforcement duties for the school district that include protecting the safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the peace officer, resource officer, or security personnel?

Reference: TEC §37.081(d-1)(1)

Answer: Yes

11o. Do your district's school district peace officers, school resource officers, and/or security personnel perform law enforcement duties for the school district that include protecting the property of the school district?

Reference: TEC §37.081(d-1)(2)

Answer: Yes

11p. In determining the law enforcement duties, does your district's board of trustees coordinate with district campus behavior coordinators and other district employees to ensure that school district peace officers, school resource officers, and/or security personnel are tasked only with duties related to law enforcement intervention and are not tasked with behavioral or administrative duties better addressed by other district employees?

Reference: TEC §37.081(d-4).

Answer: Yes

Section 4

School Safety and Security Committee

12a. Does your district have a school safety and security committee?

Reference: TEC §37.109(a).

Answer: Yes

12b. To the greatest extent practicable, does your district's school safety and security committee include the following members?

Reference: TEC §37.109(a-1).

One or more representatives of an office of emergency management of a county or city in which the district is located

Answer: Yes

One or more representatives of the local police department or sheriff's office

Answer: Yes

One or more representatives of the district's police department

Answer: Yes

The president of the district's board of trustees

Answer: Yes

A member of the district's board of trustees other than the president

Answer: Yes

The district's superintendent

Answer: Yes

Two or more designees of the district's superintendent, one of whom must be a classroom teacher in the district

Answer: Yes

Two or more designees of the district's superintendent, one of whom must be an administrator of special education in the district

Answer: Yes

Two parents or guardians of students enrolled in the district

Answer: Yes

12c. Did your school safety and security committee participate, on behalf of the district, in developing and implementing emergency plans consistent with the district's multi-hazard emergency operations plan to ensure that the plans reflect specific campus, facility, or support service needs, including recommended accommodations for a student with an individualized education program or a plan created under Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794)?

Reference: TEC §37.109(b)(1); 29 U.S.C §794

Answer: Yes

12d. Does your school safety and security committee periodically provide recommendations to the district's board of trustees and district administrators regarding updating the district's multi-hazard emergency operations plan?

Reference: TEC §37.109(b)(2).

Answer: Yes

12e. Did your school safety and security committee provide the district with any campus, facility, or support services information required in connection with a safety and security audit, a safety and security audit report, or another report required to be submitted by the district to the Texas School Safety Center?

Reference: TEC §37.109(b)(3).

Answer: Yes

12f. Did your school safety and security committee consult with local law enforcement agencies on methods to increase law enforcement presence near district campuses?

Reference: TEC §37.109(b)(5).

Answer: Yes

12g. Did your school safety and security committee meet as necessary to provide recommendations, based on communications with campus administrators described by Section 37.1086(a)(2)(C), for updating the district multi-hazard-emergency operations plan required by Section 37.108(a) to include recommended accommodations for a student with an individualized education program or a plan created under Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794)?

Reference: TEC §37.108(a); TEC §37.1086(a)(2)(C); TEC §37.109(c); 29 U.S.C. §794

Answer: Yes

13a. Does your school district operate on a year-round system or any other type of alternative schedule?

Answer: No

13c. Did your school safety and security committee meet at least once during each academic semester and at least once during the summer?

Reference: TEC §37.109(c)

Answer: Yes

14a. Does your district partner with an open-enrollment charter school to provide instruction to students?

Answer: No

Section 5

Emergency Management Information

15a. Has your district adopted a multi-hazard emergency operations plan for use in the district's facilities?

Reference: TEC §37.108(a)

Answer: Yes

15b. Is your district's multi-hazard emergency operations plan reviewed at least annually and updated as needed based on recommendations by the district's board of trustees for improvement of the plan?

Reference: TEC §37.108(a)(7)

Answer: Yes

16. Does your district's multi-hazard emergency operations plan include the following regarding your school safety and security committee?

Reference: TEC §37.108(f)(9).

The name of each individual on the committee

Answer: Yes

The date of each committee meeting during the preceding year

Answer: Yes

17. Does your district's multi-hazard emergency operations plan include a policy for responding to an active shooter emergency?

Reference: TEC §37.108(g).

Answer: Yes

18. Does your district's multi-hazard emergency operations plan include provisions for ensuring that students and district personnel with disabilities are provided equal access to safety during a disaster or emergency situation?

Reference: TEC §37.1086(a)(2)(A)(c).

Answer: Yes

19. Does your district's multi-hazard emergency operations plan include provisions for ensuring the safety of students, staff, and spectators during extracurricular activities sponsored or sanctioned by the district?

Reference: TEC §37.108(f)(8).

Answer: Yes

20a. Is there a school district facility located within 1,000 yards of a railroad track, as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line?

Answer: No

21a. Is your district designated as a polling place?

Reference: TEC §37.108(e); Election Code §43.031

Answer: No

Section 6

Behavioral Threat Assessment, Suicide Prevention, and Trauma-Informed Practices

22a. Has your district's board of trustees established a behavioral threat assessment team to serve each campus of the district?

Reference: TEC §37.115(c)

Answer: Yes

22b. Has your district's board of trustees adopted policies and procedures for the behavioral threat assessment team consistent with the model policies and procedures developed by the Texas School Safety Center?

Reference: TEC §37.115(c)(1)

Answer: Yes

22c. Has your district's board of trustees adopted policies and procedures to require each district campus to establish a clear procedure for a student to report concerning behavior exhibited by another student for assessment by the team or other appropriate school employee?

Reference: TEC §37.115(c)(5)

Answer: Yes

22d. Has your district’s board of trustees adopted policies and procedures that require each district campus to require that, as soon as safe and practicable after an administrator or team for a district campus receives information regarding a threat made against that campus, including through social media, the administrator or team immediately provide to each member of the teaching staff, including teacher's aides, who may be directly affected by the threat notice that includes:

Reference: TEC §37.115(c)(6).

A statement of the existence of the threat

Answer: Yes

The nature of the threat

Answer: Yes

Any other pertinent details to ensure student and staff safety

Answer: Yes

22e. Have all members of the district’s behavioral threat assessment team completed behavioral threat assessment training provided by the Texas School Safety Center or a regional Education Service Center?

Reference: TEC §37.115(c)(2).

Answer: Yes

22f. Do members appointed to the behavioral threat assessment team have expertise, to the greatest extent practicable, in the following areas?

Reference: TEC §37.115(d).

Counseling

Answer: Yes

Behavior management

Answer: Yes

Mental health and substance use

Answer: Yes

Classroom instruction

Answer: Yes

Special education

Answer: Yes

School administration

Answer: Yes

School safety and security

Answer: Yes

Emergency management

Answer: Yes

Law enforcement

Answer: Yes

22g. Are materials and information provided to or produced by a team during a threat assessment of a student maintained in the student's school record until the student's 24th birthday?

Reference: TEC §37.115(j-1)

Answer: Yes

23a. Does your district have programming to address suicide that includes:

Reference: TEC §38.351(i)(5)(B)

Suicide prevention

Answer: Yes

Suicide intervention

Answer: Yes

Suicide postvention

Answer: Yes

23b. Does your district employ nurses?

Answer: Yes

23c. Does your district employ social workers?

Answer: Yes

23d. Does your district provide suicide prevention training to:

Reference: TEC §38.351(g)

School counselors

Answer: Yes

Teachers

Answer: Yes

Nurses

Answer: Yes

Administrators

Answer: Yes

Other staff

Answer: Yes

Law enforcement officers who regularly interact with students

Answer: Yes

Social workers who regularly interact with students

Answer: Yes

23e. Does your district issue student identification cards to students in grade six or higher?

Answer: Yes

23f. Does each student identification card, issued to a student in grade six or higher, have suicide prevention contact information printed on it including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Crisis Text Line; in addition to a local suicide prevention hotline, if available?

Reference: TEC §38.353(1)(A)(B)(2).

Answer: Yes

24a. Has your district adopted and implemented a policy requiring the integration of trauma-informed practices in each school environment?

Reference: TEC §38.036(a).

Answer: Yes

24b. Has the policy requiring the integration of trauma-informed practices been included in the following?

Reference: TEC §38.351(k)(1)(2); TEC §11.252(a)(10).

Annual student handbooks

Answer: Yes

District improvement plan

Answer: Yes

25a. Has your district designated a single person at each campus to serve as the campus behavior coordinator?

Reference: TEC §37.0012(a)(a-1)(b-1).

Answer: Yes

25b. Do you have a school behavioral threat assessment team that serves more than one campus?

Reference: TEC 37.115(d)(2).

Answer: Yes

25c. When a behavioral threat assessment team that serves more than one campus is serving a particular campus, is the person designated as the campus behavior coordinator included?

Reference: TEC 37.115(d)(2).

Answer: Yes

Section 7

Bullying Prevention Policies and Procedures

26. Has your district's board of trustees adopted a policy that prohibits the bullying of a student?

Reference: TEC §37.0832(c)(1).

Answer: Yes

27. Has your district's board of trustees adopted a policy that prevents and mediates bullying incidents between students that interfere with a student's educational opportunities or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of a classroom, school, or school-sponsored or school-related activity?

Reference: TEC §37.0832(c)(2)(A)(B)

Answer: Yes

28. Has your district's board of trustees adopted a policy that prohibits retaliation against any person, including a victim, a witness, or another person, who in good faith provides information concerning an incident of bullying?

Reference: TEC §37.0832(c)(3)

Answer: Yes

29. Has your district's board of trustees established a procedure for providing notice of an incident of bullying to the following:

Reference: TEC §37.0832(c)(4)(A)(B)

A parent or guardian of the alleged victim on or before the third business day after the date the incident is reported

Answer: Yes

A parent or guardian of the alleged bully within a reasonable amount of time after the incident

Answer: Yes

30. Has your district's board of trustees adopted a policy that establishes the actions a student should take to obtain assistance and intervention in response to bullying?

Reference: TEC §37.0832(c)(5)

Answer: Yes

31. Has your district's board of trustees adopted a policy that sets out the available counseling options for:

Reference: TEC §37.0832(c)(6).

A student who is a victim of or a witness to bullying.

Answer: Yes

A student who engages in bullying.

Answer: Yes

32. Has your district's board of trustees adopted a policy that establishes procedures for reporting an incident of bullying that includes the following:

Reference: TEC §37.0832(c)(7).

Procedures for a student to anonymously report an incident of bullying.

Answer: Yes

Investigating a reported incident of bullying.

Answer: Yes

Determining whether the reported incident of bullying occurred.

Answer: Yes

33. Has your district's board of trustees adopted a policy that prohibits the imposition of a disciplinary measure on a student who, after an investigation, is found to be a victim of bullying, on the basis of that student's use of reasonable self-defense in response to the bullying?

Reference: TEC §37.0832(c)(8).

Answer: Yes

Section 8

Active Threat Exercise

34a. Did your district conduct an active threat exercise, including an active shooter simulation during this audit cycle (2023-2026)?

Reference: 19 Texas Administrative Code §103.1211(a)(b)

Answer: No

Section 9

Additional Safety and Security Information

41. Did your school district use the funds provided through the school safety allotment under TEC §48.160 only for the purposes provided by that section?

Reference: TEC §37.108(b-1); TEC §48.160

Answer: Yes

42. Does the student handbook for each campus include information on gang-free zones and the consequences of engaging in organized criminal activity within those zones?

Reference: TEC §37.110

Answer: Yes

43. Does your district have at least one of each of the following available for use at each campus in the event of an active shooter incident?

Reference: TEC §37.1171

Breaching tool

Answer: Yes

Ballistic shield

Answer: Yes

44a. Does your district have policies and procedures in place for notification of a bomb threat or terroristic threat relating to a campus or other district facility at which students are present?

Reference: TEC §37.113

Answer: Yes

44b. Do those policies and procedures include notification of the threat as soon as possible to the parent or guardian of, or other person standing in parental relation to, each student who is assigned to the campus or who regularly uses the facility?

Reference: TEC §37.113

Answer: Yes

45. Have the following drills been conducted at all facilities at the minimum frequency stated below?

Reference: 19 Texas Administrative Code §103.1209(a)(c)(1-5).

Secure Drill (One per school year)

Answer: Yes

Lockdown Drills (Two per school year; once per semester)

Answer: Yes

Evacuation Drill (One per school year)

Answer: Yes

Shelter-in-Place for Severe Weather or Shelter-in-Place for Hazmat Drill
(One per school year)

Answer: Yes

Fire Evacuation Drills (Four per school year; two per semester*)

**Local fire marshal requirements supersede this recommended frequency.*

Answer: Yes

46a. Has your district developed a traumatic injury protocol for school employees and volunteers to follow in the event of a traumatic injury?

Reference: TEC §38.030(a)

Answer: Yes

46b. Does your district make the traumatic injury protocol available annually for school employees and volunteers to follow in the event of a traumatic injury?

Reference: TEC §38.030(a)

Answer: Yes

46c. Does your district provide agency-approved training on the traumatic injury protocol for the following?

Reference: TEC §38.030(b)(3)(A)(B)(C)

Each school district peace officer commissioned under Section 37.081

Answer: Yes

All other district or school personnel who may be reasonably expected to use a bleeding control station

Answer: Yes

47a. Does your district have bleeding control stations available to school employees and volunteers for use in the event of a traumatic injury involving blood loss?

Reference: TEC §38.030(b)(1)

Answer: Yes

47b. Are the bleeding control stations stored in easily accessible areas of the campus that are selected by the district's school safety and security committee?

Reference: TEC §38.030(b)(2)

Answer: Yes

47c. Are students enrolled at the campus in grades seven or higher annually offered instruction on the use of a bleeding control station from a school resource officer or other appropriate district or school personnel who have received the training?

Reference: TEC §38.030(b)(4).

Answer: Yes

47d. Do your district bleeding control stations contain all the required materials?

Reference: TEC §38.030(d)(1-9).

Answer: Yes

48. Does your district maintain and inspect your Automated External Defibrillators monthly, according to manufacturer's guidelines?

Reference: Health and Safety Code §779.003

Answer: Yes

49. Has your district adopted and implemented policy regarding the maintenance, administration, and disposal of opioid antagonists at each campus in the district that serves students in grades six through twelve?

Reference: TEC §38.222(a).

Answer: Yes

50. Has your district's board of trustees adopted a policy regarding action to be taken by the administration of a school campus when a visitor is identified as a sex offender?

Reference: TEC §38.022(d).

Answer: Yes

51. Does your district place warning signs at each school about the increased penalties for trafficking of persons in a conspicuous place reasonably likely to be viewed by all school employees and visitors?

Reference: TEC §37.086(b)

Answer: Yes

52. Does your district annually provide or make information available about programs on the dangers of students sharing visual material depicting a minor engaged in sexual conduct, to parents and students in a grade level the district considers appropriate?

Reference: TEC §37.218(c)

Answer: Yes

53. Has your district adopted and implemented a dating violence policy to be included in your district improvement plan?

Reference: TEC §37.0831(a)

Answer: Yes

54. Does your school district require each district employee who regularly interacts with students to complete an evidence-based mental health training program designed to provide instruction regarding the recognition and support of children and youth who experience a mental health or substance use issue that may pose a threat to school safety?

Reference: TEC §22.904(a)

Answer: Yes

55a. Does your district provide each classroom with silent panic alert technology?

Reference: TEC §37.118(a)

Answer: Yes

55b. Does your district silent panic alert technology allow for immediate contact with the following responders?

Reference: TEC §37.118(a)

District or school emergency services

Answer: Yes

Emergency services agencies

Answer: Yes

Law enforcement agencies

Answer: Yes

Health departments

Answer: Yes

Fire departments

Answer: Yes

56a. Is your district located in whole or in part within an Emergency Services District?

Reference: TEC §37.117(b)

Answer: Yes

56b. Did your district provide an accurate map of each district campus and school building to each entity located in whole or in part within the school district?

Reference: TEC §37.117(a)(1); TEC §37.117(b).

Department of Public Safety

Answer: Yes

Local law enforcement agencies

Answer: Yes

Emergency medical services

Answer: Yes

Fire departments

Answer: Yes

Emergency Services Districts

Answer: Yes

57. Did your district provide the following entities with an opportunity to conduct a walk-through of each district campus and school building?

Reference: TEC §37.117(a)(2).

Department of Public Safety

Answer: Yes

Local law enforcement agencies

Answer: Yes

Emergency medical services

Answer: Yes

Fire departments

Answer: Yes

58a. Does your district designate a cybersecurity coordinator?

Reference: TEC §11.175(d)

Answer: Yes

58b. Does your district's cybersecurity coordinator complete the following required trainings on an annual basis?

Reference: TEC §11.175(h-1)

Cybersecurity training

Answer: Yes

Artificial intelligence training

Answer: Yes

59. Do district employees who use the district's computer system or database to perform at least 25 percent of their job duties complete the following required trainings on an annual basis?

Reference: TEC §11.175(h-1); Texas Government Code §2054.5191(a-1); Texas Government Code §2054.5191(b)

Cybersecurity training

Answer: Yes

Artificial intelligence training

Answer: Yes

60a. Does your district provide information and resources on safe gun storage, developed by the Texas School Safety Center and Texas DPS, about Texas Penal Code 46.13, and ways in which parents and guardians can effectively prevent children from accessing firearms to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the district or school at least three times each school year?

Reference: TEC §37.222; Texas Penal Code §46.13(b)(c)(d)(e)

Answer: Yes

60b. What mechanism are you using to provide information and resources on safe gun storage, developed by the Texas School Safety Center and Texas DPS, about Texas Penal Code 46.13, and ways in which parents and guardians can effectively prevent children from accessing firearms to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the district or school at least three times each school year? (Please select all that apply.)

Reference: TEC §37.222; Texas Penal Code §46.13(b)(c)(d)(e).

Selected Answer(s):

District or campus website

Email communications to parents/guardians

61a. Has your district's board of trustees adopted, implemented, and ensured the district or school complies with a written policy prohibiting a student using a personal communication device while on school property during the school day?

Reference: TEC §37.082(a)

Answer: Yes

61b. Does your district's personal communication device policy establish disciplinary measures to be imposed for violation of the prohibition?

Reference: TEC §37.082(a)

Answer: Yes

Required Signatures

Signature of person reporting



Print to PDF

Once the signatures of the board of trustees and the superintendent have been collected on the signature page, the person reporting will return to the survey to complete the attestation.

If you have technical issues or questions about conducting your audit or how to answer questions within the audit survey, contact txssc_audit_info@txstate.edu.