



# School Safety Requirements and Monitoring 6A-1.0018, F.A.C.

Compliance Monitoring for School Districts and Charter Schools

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## Purpose of Rule

- The benefits of the proposed rule will be enhancement of health and safety due to greater accountability by school districts and public schools.
- Provides school districts, including charters, with notice of the Office of Safe Schools' (OSS) requirements relating to school safety and procedures for monitoring and addressing issues of suspected noncompliance with safety requirements, including required reporting and training.
- Sets forth requirements relating to school safety and to define certain safety measures that schools are expected to meet.
- Provides a useful tool for all involved in implementing or overseeing school safety and outline what the requirements and responsibilities are for OSS, school districts, and public schools.

# School Safety Compliance Areas Strengthened in the Rule

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Safe-School Officers (SSOs)

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Reporting SSO Discipline, Dismissal or Discharge of Firearm

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Alyssa's Alert (Mobile Panic Alert System)

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FortifyFL (Mobile Suspicious Activity Reporting Tool)

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Threat Assessment Teams

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School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)

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Zero-Tolerance Policies & Agreements with Law Enforcement

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School Security Risk Assessments (FSSAT)

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First Responders' School Safety Recommendations

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Emergency Drills

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Active Assailant Response Plans

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School Safety Specialist Training

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Charter School Safety Requirements

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Virtual Schools

## Expectations & Requirements Outlined in the Rule

### Role of the Office of Safe Schools (OSS)

- Responsible for monitoring school districts and public schools, including public charter schools, for compliance with school safety statutes and rules
- Provide notice of suspected deficiencies to SSS, and required corrective actions
- Verify compliance or correction of suspected deficiencies

### Role of the District School Safety Specialist (SSS)

- Responsible for supervision and oversight for all school safety and security personnel, policies and procedures in the school district, including at public charter schools
- Serve as the point of contact between FDOE and the school district regarding any compliance concerns
- Facilitate cooperation and communication with schools to address areas of concern

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