

50 State Comparison of School Safety Plans

(GENERAL SUMMARY)

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School Safety Plans

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Education Commission of the States reviewed state statute and regulations for language that requires schools to create and adopt school safety or emergency response plans. The information below does not include plans required by handbooks, manuals or other sources outside of statute and regulations. Additionally, districts or schools in some states may create plans independently of state requirements.

Key Terms for Entities Responsible:

- **Local entity** includes local, regional or district boards, agencies or offices (such as local boards of education, district boards of trustees or school system committees).
- **School** includes administrators, principals and other designated officials at the school level.
- **School safety entity** includes agencies, departments, task forces, committees, etc., that were created with the intent of addressing school safety matters.

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STATE	Are school safety plans required?	Which entity is responsible for creating the safety plan? (Local Entity; School; School Safety Entity)	Citation for school safety plan requirement and entity:	Does state policy outline any of the following required components of school safety plans: Alerts or Communication; Emergency Response Procedures; Facilities Information; School Safety Team Organization; Trainings; Other	Citation for required components	Is a local law enforcement agency required to be involved with the creation of a plan?
Alabama	Yes	Local Entity	Ala Code § 16-1-44	Alerts or Communications Emergency Response Procedures	Ala.Code § 16-1-44	Yes
Alaska	Yes	Local Entity School	Alaska Stat. Ann. § 14.33.100	Alerts or Communications Emergency Response Procedures School Safety Team Organization	Alaska Stat. Ann. § 14.33.100	Yes

Arizona	Yes	Local Entity	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-341	State Entity Responsible for Creating Minimum Standards	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-341	Yes
Arkansas	Yes	School Safety Entity	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1301	Emergency Response Procedures	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1301	Yes
California	Yes	Local Entity School	Cal. Educ. Code § 32281	Emergency Response Procedures Other	Cal. Educ. Code § 32282	Yes
Colorado	Yes	Local Entity	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 22-32-109.1	Other	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 22-32-109.1	No
Connecticut	Yes	Local Entity	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 10-222m	Emergency Response Procedures School Safety Team Organization Other	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 10-222n	Yes
Delaware	Yes	School Safety Entity	Del. Code Ann. tit. 29, § 8237	Not Specified	Del. Code Ann. tit. 29, § 8237	Yes
District of Columbia	Yes	Local Entity	D.C. Code Ann. § 5-13203a	Not Specified	D.C. Code Ann. § 5-13203a	Yes
Florida	Yes	Local Entity	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1006.07	Not Specified	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1006.07	No
Georgia	Yes	School	Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-1185	Alerts or Communication Emergency Response Procedures Trainings Other	Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-1185	Yes
Hawaii	Not Identified in Statute	N/A		N/A		N/A
Idaho	Not Identified in Statute	N/A		N/A		N/A
Illinois	Yes	Local Entity	105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 128/25 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 128/40	State Entity Responsible for Creating Minimum Standards	105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 128/40	No
Indiana	Yes	Local Entity	511 Ind. Admin. Code 6.1-2-2.5	Alerts or Communication Emergency Response Procedures	511 Ind. Admin. Code 6.1-2-2.5	Yes
Iowa	Yes	Local Entity	Iowa Code Ann. § 280.30	Alerts or Communication Emergency Response Procedures Other	Iowa Code Ann. § 280.30	Yes
Kansas	Not Identified in Statute	N/A		N/A		N/A
Kentucky	Yes	School	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 158.162	Emergency Response Procedures	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 158.162	Yes

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Louisiana	Yes	School	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 17:416.16	Emergency Response Procedures School Safety Team Organization	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 17:416.16	Yes
Maine	Yes	School	Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 20-A, § 1001	Emergency Response Procedures	Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 20-A, § 1001	Yes
Maryland	Yes	Local Entity	Md. Code Regs. 13A.02.02.04	Not Specified	Md. Code Regs. 13A.02.02.04	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes	Local Entity	MA Ch. 159 of the Acts of 2000, Sec. 363	Alerts or Communication Emergency Response Procedures School Safety Team Organization Other	MA Ch. 159 of the Acts of 2000, Sec. 363	Yes
Michigan	Yes	Local Entity	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 380.1308b	Emergency Response Procedures Facilities Information Trainings	Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 380.1308b	No
Minnesota	Yes	Local Entity	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 121A.035	Not Specified	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 121A.035	Yes
Mississippi	Yes	Local Entity	Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-3-83	Not Specified	Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-3-83	No
Missouri	Not Identified in Statute	N/A		N/A		N/A
Montana	Yes	Local Entity	Mont. Code Ann. § 20-1-401	Alerts or Communication Facilities Information	Mont. Code Ann. § 20-1-401	Yes
Nebraska	Yes	Local Entity	Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-2,144 92 Neb. Admin. Code Ch. 10, 011.01D	State Entity Responsible for Creating Minimum Standards	Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-2,144	No
Nevada	Yes	Local Entity	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 388.243	Alerts or Communication Emergency Response Procedures Other	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 388.243	Yes
New Hampshire	Yes	School	N.H. Rev. Stat. § 189:64	Emergency Response Procedures	N.H. Rev. Stat. § 189:64	Yes
New Jersey	Yes	Local Entity	N.J. Admin. Code § 6A:16-5.1	Emergency Response Procedures Other	N.J. Admin. Code § 6A:16-5.1	Yes
New Mexico	Yes	School	N.M. Admin. Code § 6.12.6.8	Emergency Response Procedures	N.M. Admin. Code § 6.12.6.8	No

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New York	Yes	Local Entity School	N.Y. Educ. Law § 2801-A			Yes
North Carolina	Yes	Local Entity	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. 115C-47	Not Specified	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. 115C-47	Yes
North Dakota	Not Identified in Statute	N/A		N/A		N/A
Ohio	Yes	Local Entity School	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5502.262	Emergency Response Procedures Facilities Information Other	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5502.262	Yes
Oklahoma	Yes	Local Entity	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit 63, § 681	Emergency Response Procedures	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit 63, § 681	No
Oregon	Yes	Local Entity	Or. Admin. R. 581-024-0275	Emergency Response Procedures	Or. Admin. R. 581-024-0275	No
Pennsylvania	Not Identified in Statute	N/A		N/A		N/A
Rhode Island	Yes	Local Entity	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 16-21-23			Yes
South Carolina	Yes	Local Entity	S.C. Code Ann. § 59-17-160	State Entity Responsible for Creating Minimum Standards	S.C. Code Ann. § 59-17-160	Yes
South Dakota	Yes	Local Entity	S.D. Admin. R. 24:43:09.01			No
Tennessee	Yes	Local Entity	Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-804	Emergency Response Procedures Facilities Information School Safety Team Organization Trainings	Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-804	No
Texas	Yes	Local Entity	Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 37.108	Alerts or Communication Emergency Response Procedures Other	Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 37.108	No
Utah	Yes	Local Entity	Utah Admin. Code r. R277-400-3	Emergency Response Procedures Facilities Information Trainings Other	Utah Admin. Code r. R277-400-3 Utah Admin. Code r. R277-400-5	Yes
Vermont	Yes	Local Entity	7-1 Vt. Code R. § 12:4101	Emergency Response Procedures	7-1 Vt. Code R. § 12:4102	No
Virginia	Yes	School	Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-279.8	Emergency Response Procedures Trainings	Va. Code Ann. § 22.1-279.8	Yes
Washington	Yes*	Local Entity	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28A.320.125	Alerts or Communication Emergency Response Procedures Other	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28A.320.125	Yes

			W. Va. Code Ann. § 18- 9F-9	Alerts or Communication Emergency Response Procedures School Safety Team Organization Other	W. Va. Code Ann. § 18- 9F-9	Yes
West Virginia	Yes	School				
Wisconsin	Yes	Local Entity	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 118.07	Emergency Response Procedures Other	Wis. Stat. Ann. § 118.07	Yes
Wyoming	Yes	Local Entity	Wyo. Admin. Code 206.0002.6 § 5	Not Specified	Wyo. Admin. Code 206.0002.6 § 5	No
Total answers	45 Yes: 6 Not Identified in Statute:	31 Local Entity: 8 School: 6 N/A: 4 Local Entity School: 2 School Safety Entity:				31 Yes: 14 No: 6 N/A: