

# THE SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE

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# KEY TERMS

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- **Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC)** – is a research center located at Texas State University that serves as a clearing house for the dissemination of safety and security information through research, training, and technical assistance to K-12 schools and junior colleges
- **School Safety Task Force (TEC §37.1082)** studies best practices for school multihazard operations plans and makes recommendations to the legislature, the TxSSC, and the governor's office of homeland security
- **School Safety and Security Committee**
- **Multihazard Emergency Operations Plan (TEC §37.108 and Legal Board Policy CK)**
- **Safety and Security Audit (TEC §37.108 and Legal Board Policy CK)**

# MULTIHAZARD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS

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- Purpose is to address prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery from all different types of emergency situations
- Examples of what must be included in a Multihazard Emergency Operations Plan:
  - Mandatory school drills
  - Methods of coordination between agencies
  - Chains of command during various types of emergencies
  - How physical and psychological safety will be addressed during emergencies
  - The safety of students in portable buildings
  - Prompt notification to parents in the event of a bomb or terroristic threats
  - Responses to events such as train derailments, and schools as polling locations
  - Access in classrooms to communication devices

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- Measures to protect the District's technology communication system and infrastructure during emergencies
- Provisions for the safety of disabled students and staff
- Provisions for supporting the psychological safety of students, district personnel, and the community during response and recovery
- Training regarding suicide prevention and grief-informed and trauma informed care to staff including the School Safety and Security Committee

# SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE REQUIRED MEMBERSHIP

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- City/county emergency management
- Local police or sheriff's office
- District police department
- Board president and at least one other Board member
- Superintendent
- Classroom teacher
- Parents

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- Participate in the development and implementation of emergency plans included in the District's multihazard emergency operation plans to ensure plans "reflect specific campus, facility, or support services needs"
- Provide recommendations regarding the District's multihazard emergency operations plan
- Provide information required in connection with a safety and security audit, audit report, or other report required to be submitted to the Texas School Safety Center
- Review each report required to be submitted to the Texas School Safety Center to ensure the report contains accurate and complete information
- Consult with local law enforcement regarding increased law enforcement presence near schools