



School Safety Updates

Utah School Safety Center

School Security Task Force

December 19, 2024

508 Compliant: 12/19/2024

School Safety Communication

- Charter Board Association
- Monthly Newsletters
- Presentations
- Grant Subcommittee



School Safety Needs Assessment (1)

| % Report Rates** | Count**** | Percent |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| ALL LEAs | | |
| All Schools Submitted | 938 | 94% |
| LEAs with 100% submission rate | 129 | 83% |
| LEAs in progress | 9 | 6% |
| LEAs with 0% submission rate | 13 | 8% |
| Not applicable LEAs (online) | 4 | 3% |
| By Charter | | |
| Charter Schools Submitted*** | 139 | 97% |
| LEAs with 100% submission rate | 96 | 84% |
| LEAs in progress | 2 | 2% |
| LEAs with 0% submission rate | 12 | 11% |
| Not applicable LEAs (online) | 4 | 4% |
| By District | | |
| District Schools Submitted | 799 | 94% |
| LEAs with 100% submission rate | 33 | 80% |
| LEAs in progress | 7 | 17% |
| LEAs with 0% submission rate | 1 | 2% |
| Not applicable LEAs (online) | 0 | 0% |

Notes

*School counts are estimated from stipend grant allocations.

**Results are from submissions by noon on Dec. 19, 2024.

***Will not be 100% because online charters are not applicable.

****These numbers may not match the TSchool Status Ytab.



School Safety Needs Assessment (2)

Table 5. Minimum Safety and Security Standards In-Place or Implementing

| <i>Safety and Security Standard</i> | <i>Count of Schools</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Wearable panic alert buttons | 238 | 27.1% |
| 2. Repeaters for first responder radios | 168 | 19.1% |
| 3. Limited/secured entry points | 745 | 84.8% |
| 4. Video surveillance of entrances | 755 | 85.9% |
| 5. Ground windows protected | 176 | 20% |
| 6. Internal classroom door locks | 552 | 62.8% |
| 7. Bleed kits and first aid kits* | 475 | 54% |
| 8. Exterior cameras | 699 | 79.5% |
| 9. Fencing around playgrounds** | 417 | 47.4% |
| 10. Other | 76 | 8.6% |
| a. Card access | 42 | 4.8% |
| b. Safety software/weapons detection | 8 | 0.9% |

* Some submissions report having one or the other but not both types of kits.

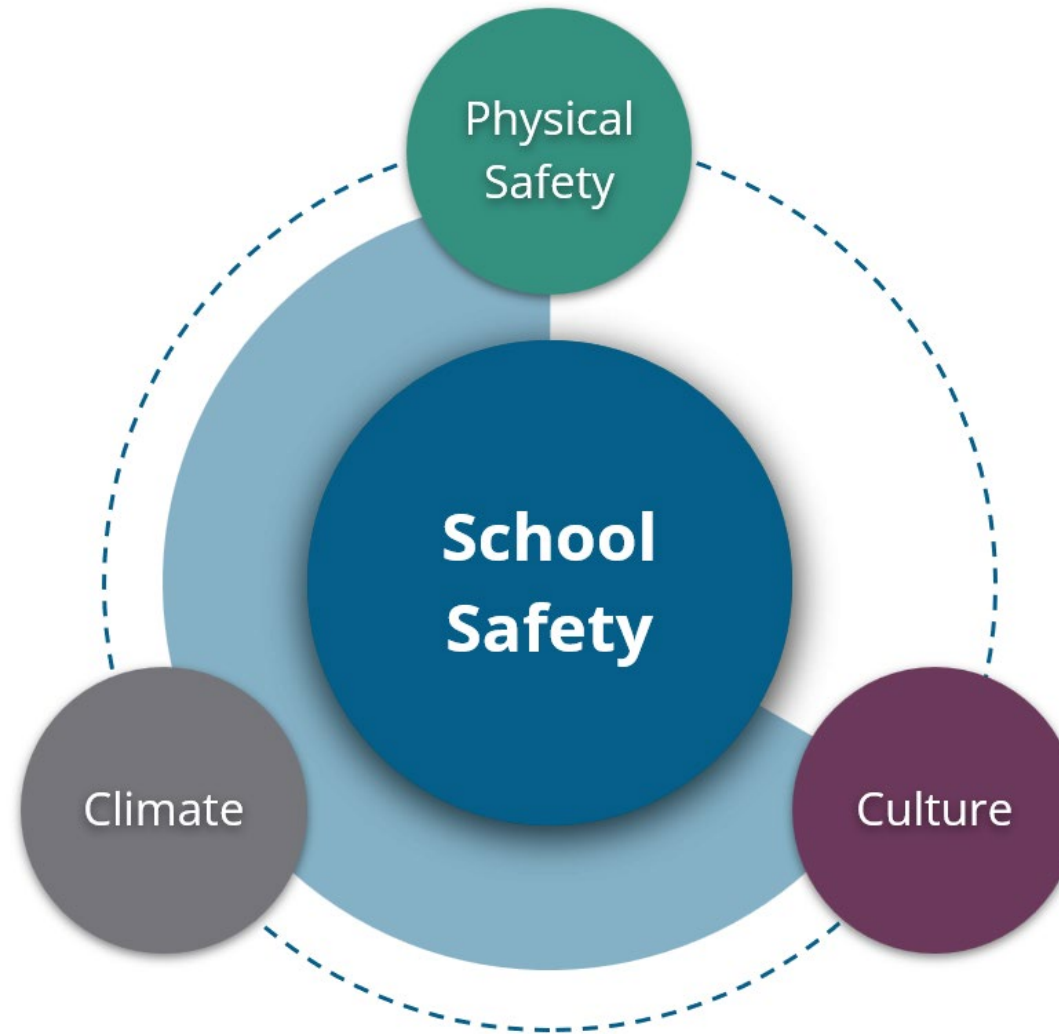
** Statute includes playgrounds, which not all schools will have (e.g. high school).

School Safety and Support Grant

- Based on greatest need as determined by the School Safety Needs Assessment.
- Estimated January Timeline.
- Overseen by the School Security Task Force Grant Subcommittee.

Utah Code Section 53F-5-220

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School Safety: Suicide Prevention

According to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of the Medical Examiner:

- 32 youth under the age of 18 have died by suicide in the first 11 months of 2024.
- This count is slightly below the five-year average.
- While 32 deaths is 32 too many, signs are pointing to fewer youth deaths in 2024 than is typical.
- This a positive sign and suggests that suicide prevention directed at youth is having an impact.

Utah State Board of Education Suicide Prevention

New Crisis Response Support Line monitored by Crisis Response Support Team (CRST) members.

Trainings provided include: PREPaRE School Crisis Prevention and Intervention training, Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA), and Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Training.

New Canvas Course created for Suicide Prevention Training for Employees. 316 educators have taken the course so far.