



Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission

Florida School Safety Risk Assessment Tool

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Legislative History

Safe Passage Act

- Task force on school safety, October 1999
 - Best management practices for safety and security
 - Recommendations led to the Safe Passage Act
- 2001 legislation to ensure every child has a safe passage through Florida's education system
 - Comprehensive safety and security plans and procedures
 - Safety of school facilities and equipment
 - Safe transportation of students

Legislative History (continued)

- 2013 Florida Legislature appropriated funds to create a risk assessment tool to conduct security assessments.
- Proviso language required the assessment tool be designed to allow school officials to:
 - Identify threats, vulnerabilities and safety controls for schools;
 - Generate automated reports on assessment findings; and
 - Identify areas for continued school safety planning and improvement.

Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT)

- Using the appropriation, the Department of Education entered into a contract with a vendor selected through a competitive solicitation to develop the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT)
- The risk assessment tool addressed:
 - Emergency and crisis preparedness;
 - Security;
 - School police staffing; and
 - Operational practices.

Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT)

- Official launch – April 2015
- District assessment reports were required annually
 - Completed in the FSSAT
 - Seven general areas of safety and security
- School-based risk assessments available (but not required)
 - School data
 - School infrastructure
 - School security

Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT)

Seven general areas of district safety and security addressed in the 2015 version of FSSAT:

- Efficiency and effectiveness of the safety and security program;
- Health and safety planning;
- Discipline policies and code of student conduct;
- School climate and community outreach;
- Safety programs and curricula;
- Safety of facilities and equipment; and
- Transportation safety.

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- Requires school districts to complete a school security risk assessment at each **school district** and **public school site** in the state in accordance with requirements for the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT).
- Requires that the assessment tool be available for use by charter schools.
- Provides funds for a third-party review of the FSSAT by a security consultant.

FSSAT – 2018 Required Components

- School emergency and crisis preparedness planning
- Security, crime and violence prevention policies and strategies
- Physical security measures
- Professional development training needs
- An examination of support service roles in school safety, security and emergency planning
- School security and school police staffing, operational practices and related services
- School and community collaboration on school safety
- A return on investment analysis of the recommended physical security controls

FSSAT Applications

- Assets
- Assessments
- Incidents
- Map
- Threat Streams
- Events
- Timeline

All applications are interconnected and details from each can be tied to a specific asset (school or district)

School Security Risk Assessments

School safety specialist responsibilities:

- Coordinate with the appropriate public safety agencies to conduct a campus tour once every three years, and provide recommendations related to school safety.
- Ensure that recommendations by the public safety agencies are considered by the school safety specialist.
- Complete **individual school assessments** by August 1, 2018, and annually thereafter.
- Present findings and recommendations to the school board.
- Report **district-level findings and board actions** to the Department of Education within 30 days after the board meeting.

District-Level Report

- One per district
- Aggregates findings from the school-level security risk assessments
- Provides a comprehensive district-level review of safety and security program (policies and procedures)
- Makes recommendations to the school board:
 - Overall recommendations related to school safety
 - Strategies and actions to be taken
 - Fiscal impacts and timeline

School Security Risk Assessments

Department of Education responsibilities:

- Maintain and update the tool (FSSAT); provide ongoing professional development.
- Provide technical assistance on safety and security and recommendations to address findings from district reports.
- Review district-level reports for timeliness and completion.
- Provide a report to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2018, and annually thereafter.
- Conduct the third-party security consultant review.

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