

Use the school safety guiding questions to complete your narrative response

1. How does your system plan to address school safety as a whole?
2. How does your system plan to update emergency operations plans?
3. How does your system plan to engage with emergency preparedness personnel (i.e., local police or sheriff, fire officials, and/or parish/city emergency operations)?
4. How does your system plan to address specific types of school threats, e.g, an incident of shooting at school, on a bus, or at a school-related event?
5. How does your system plan to ensure that every student, educator, or school employee has access to a safe, and secure school environment?
6. What strategies will your system employ to address internal and external threats to school safety?
7. How will your system provide opportunities for students to speak up if they perceive a threat?
8. How will your system assess the effectiveness of school emergency operations and safety plans?
9. How does your system plan to provide counseling and support to students and educators in the event of a threat, school shooting, or other violent incident in the school community?

Examples:

- Assess each school’s safety posture across ten elements and obtain a personalized action plan with next steps to consider
- Develop a school crisis and management plan jointly with law enforcement, fire, public safety and emergency preparedness officials.
- Conduct safety drills annually, or more frequently, to rehearse components of the school safety plan.
- Hire resource officers or other law enforcement officers.
- Provide school safety in-service training for staff.
- Utilize school and community mental health professionals in the event of a shooting or other emergency event.
- Utilize training providers for students to address suicide prevention, violence prevention and social inclusion.
- Utilize available resources to assist staff and students with coping strategies after traumatic events.

Resources:

- [Safety Readiness Tool](#)
- [School Safety](#)
- [Louisiana School Safety](#)
- [Louisiana Center for Safe Schools](#)
- [National Center for Disaster Preparedness](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness and Recovery](#)
- [Early Childhood Emergency Preparedness and Recovery](#)
- [Grants to States for Emergency Management](#)
- [FEMA Guide to Developing Emergency Operations Plans](#)
- [Emergency Management Institute](#)
- [Louisiana Revised Statute 17:416.16](#)
- [Suicide Prevention, Violence Prevention and Social Inclusion Training Providers for Students](#)
- [Coping Tips for Traumatic Events and Disasters](#)
- [Coping With Grief After Community Violence](#)
- [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)
- [“How American Rescue Plan Funds Can Prevent and Respond to Crime and Promote Public Safety”.](#)

2022-2023 School Safety Response Criteria

Narrative response includes a summary of the information referenced below:

- Description of plans to address safety in the school environment
- Description of how the system will address school threats
- Description of how the system will keep all individuals in the school environment safe
- Description of how the system will engage with community stakeholders surrounding emergency preparedness
- Description of data being used to make these decisions