



VIRGINIA SCHOOL SAFETY AUDIT

What is the School Safety Audit?

In accordance with *Virginia Code* §22.1-279.8, all schools in Virginia are required to complete an annual safety audit. The audit is a **“written assessment** of the safety conditions of each public school to:

- (i) identify and, if necessary, develop solutions for physical safety concerns, including building security issues and
- (ii) identify and evaluate any patterns of student safety concerns occurring on school property or at school sponsored events.

Solutions and responses shall include recommendations for structural adjustments, changes in school safety procedures, and revisions to the school board’s standards for student conduct.”

What are the Components of the Audit?

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SCHOOL & DIVISION SAFETY SURVEYS

Completed annually by Principals and Superintendents by September 30

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CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLANS

Completed annually, certified by the Superintendent by August 31

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SECONDARY SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

Completed annually in Spring, in alternating years for middle and high schools

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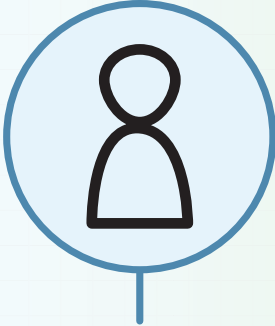


SCHOOL SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLISTS

Completed every three years, certified by the Superintendent by August 31, due again in 2020

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School-Level Responsibilities



**ANNUALLY,
SPRING/SUMMER**

Ready Crisis Management Plans

**ANNUALLY, EARLY AUGUST-
SEPTEMBER 30**

Complete the
School Safety Survey

ANNUALLY, FALL/WINTER

Review all Safety Audit components

Complete School Safety Audit
and submit to Division Safety
Audit Committee
(by December 31)

ANNUALLY, LATE WINTER/SPRING

Administer the Secondary School
Climate Survey (if Applicable)

Division-Level Responsibilities



**ANNUALLY,
SPRING/SUMMER**

Submit All School Crisis Management
Plans to School Board for Review

Collect/Review School Safety Audits

Submit Improvement Plans to
Superintendent and School Board

ANNUALLY, BY AUGUST 31

Certify completion of Crisis
Management Plan Review

Certify completion of
School Safety Inspection
Checklists
(every three years)

Certify Completion of
School Safety Audits

**ANNUALLY, EARLY
AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 30**

Complete Division
Safety Survey

Certify Completion
of School Surveys

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