



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 August 31

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CRISIS MANAGEMENT PLANS

Completed annually, certified by the Superintendent by August 31

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VIRGINIA SCHOOLS SURVEY OF CLIMATE AND WORKING CONDITIONS

Completed annually in Spring

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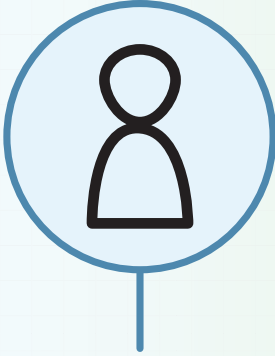


SCHOOL SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLISTS

Completed every three years, certified by the Superintendent by August 31, due again in 2023

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School-Level Responsibilities



ANNUALLY, LATE WINTER/SPRING

Administer the Virginia Schools Survey of Climate and Working Conditions

**ANNUALLY,
SPRING/SUMMER**

Ready Crisis Management Plans

ANNUALLY

Complete the School Safety Survey

ANNUALLY

Review all Safety Audit components

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

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

Complete Division Safety Survey

Certify Completion of School Surveys

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the DCJS Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety at:

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