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Notification of Compliance with Safety and Security Requirements in Texas

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Texas School Safety Center



Dear Ms. Sharon McKinney,

The Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) at Texas State University is tasked in Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code and the Governor's Homeland Security Strategic Plan with assisting schools toward implementing key school safety initiatives and mandates that include planning, training, and drilling. Toward this aim, the TxSSC serves as the central location for the dissemination of safety and security information, including research, training, and technical assistance for K-12 schools throughout the state of Texas.

In accordance with the [Texas Education Code, Chapter 37.108](#), Texas school districts are required to conduct a safety and security audit of their district facilities at least once every three years. Certain audit results are required to be submitted to the TxSSC and disseminated in a statewide report. Certain information submitted to the TxSSC relates to legislative requirements pertaining to safety and security in the Texas Education Code, including:

1. Your district must submit audit results to the Texas School Safety Center in accordance with [TEC §37.108\(c\)](#)
2. Your district must conduct safety and security audits for all facilities in accordance with [TEC §37.108\(b\)](#)
3. Your district must have a safety and security committee in accordance with [TEC §37.109](#)
4. Your district must adopt a multi-hazard emergency operations plan in accordance with [TEC §37.108 \(a\)](#)
5. Your district's multi-hazard emergency operations must address all four phases of emergency management in accordance with TEC §37.108 (a)
6. Your district must involve specific entities in accordance with [TEC 37.108 \(a\)\(3\)](#) in the development and/or coordination of the district's multi-hazard emergency operations plan

7. If your district has a school located within 1,000 yards of a railroad track, you must have procedures for responding to a train derailment in the district's multi-hazard emergency operations plan

It was determined, based on the information submitted for the 2014-2017 audit cycle, that your district fulfilled all of the safety and security requirements in Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code listed above. The TxSSC would like to commend you for your dedication to safety and security. We appreciate all you do make sure that all students in Texas have a safe place to go to school.

The TxSSC is committed to its mission of serving schools and communities to create safe, secure, and healthy learning environments, and wanted to make you aware of the resources, tools, jobs aids, and other educational resources that may assist your district in continuing to strengthen its safety and security efforts. To access these items, please visit the TxSSC website at <http://txssc.txstate.edu>. Together, we can prepare schools today for a safer tomorrow.

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