

SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

School Crisis Response Plans (§18-9F-9)

- ▶ All schools are required to annually submit a Crisis Response Plan using the template provided by the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE).
- ▶ These plans are to be submitted to schools' respective counties and designated county personnel are to upload to the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security's secure electronic system.
- ▶ Additionally, unless otherwise provided for, the county board shall provide a copy of each school's crisis response plan to each local emergency response agency that has a role in the plan.
- ▶ Schools should designate procedures for informing and training school personnel on actions required of them to effectuate the school's crisis response plan.
- ▶ For more detailed information, please visit <https://wvde.us/leadership-system-support/safe-supportive-schools/safe-schools-toolkit/> or contact Jonah Adkins, Coordinator, Office of Accountability at jwadkins@k12.wv.us.

School Safety Requirements (§18-9F-10)

- ▶ In addition to any other requirement contained in this article or the Crisis Response Plan required by §18-9F-9 of this code, each county board of education shall implement a school safety program before September 1, 2019, that at a minimum, requires:
 - ▷ Room numbers to be placed on exterior walls or windows of school buildings, so rooms with exterior walls can be identified by law enforcement and first responders from the outside;
 - ▷ Providing updated floor plans of the school to first responders and local law enforcement by September 1 of each school year;
 - ▷ First aid training for all school personnel and students each school year; and
 - ▷ Active shooter training for all school personnel and students at the beginning of each school year.

