



**Venango Technology Center**  
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Act 44 of 2025 – School Safety Notification

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Dear Venango Technology Center Families and Staff,

Pennsylvania law now requires school districts to provide specific notifications following certain safety-related incidents. This message is intended to explain what families and employees may expect under that requirement and how the Venango Technology Center will comply.

Effective January 6, 2026, Act 44 of 2025 mandates that school districts notify parents/guardians and employees when a weapon is found to be in possession on school property, on school transportation, or during a school-sponsored activity. This notification requirement applies regardless of whether the item was brought intentionally or unintentionally.

Notices are issued to the individuals connected to the location or activity involved. For example, if an incident occurs within a school building, notifications will be sent to families and staff associated with that building. If the incident occurs on a bus or at a school-sponsored event, notification will be limited to those connected to that setting. The law does not require schoolwide notification when an incident has no direct connection to other schools, activities, students, or staff.

When required, notifications must generally be sent within 24 hours. The Center will use its existing communication platforms to distribute these messages, consistent with how we share other important communications.

To protect student privacy, notifications will not identify students or include personally identifiable information. Messages will contain only general facts, such as the date and the general location of the incident.

Because this is a statutory requirement, families and staff may notice an increase in safety notifications compared to prior years. Some notices may involve items that do not present an ongoing or immediate safety concern, such as everyday objects that were inadvertently brought onto school grounds. These communications should be understood as compliance with state law, not an indication that schools are less safe.

Families can support prevention efforts by periodically checking students' backpacks, coats, and athletic bags and by reminding students that prohibited items may not be brought onto school property, buses/vans, or school-sponsored events. Concerns may also be reported through the Safe2Say Something program at 1-844-723-2729.

The Venango Technology Center remains committed to maintaining a safe learning environment and will continue working closely with law enforcement, threat assessment teams, and school safety personnel. We appreciate your cooperation and continued partnership.

Sincerely,  
Robert S. Moore, Sr.  
Director

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