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Health & Safety *focus*

ADDRESSING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY NEEDS OF OUR 56 SUBSCRIBING NASSAU COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

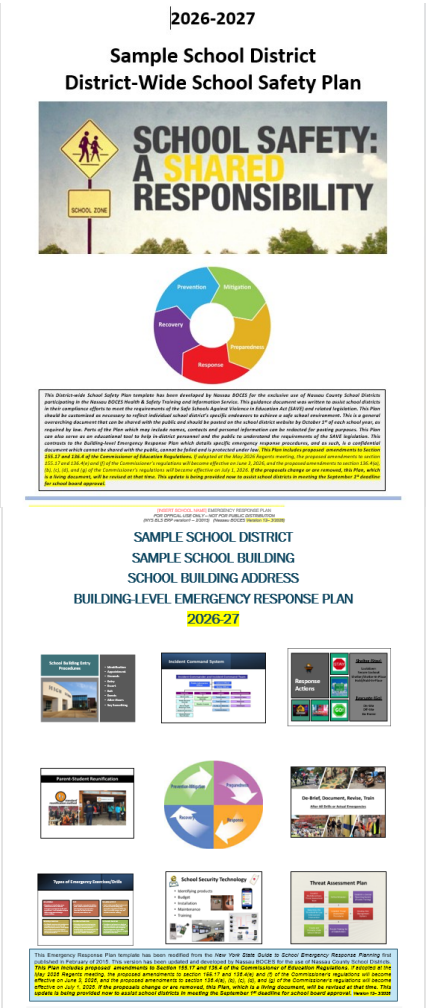
Revised Safety Plan Templates Now Available!

District-Wide School Safety Plan

The revised District-wide school safety plan template is now available for the use of all Nassau County School Districts. As you are aware the District-wide School safety Plan is a public document which is required to be posted on the school district's website by October 1st of each school year. In order to accomplish this the plan is first required to be approved by the District-wide school safety team. A public hearing must be held regarding the plan followed by a 30-day comment period. After all this is accomplished, the school board must adopt the plan prior to September 1st. Specific questions on the plan in the SED Business portal must be answered by October 1st. **Updates on the plan include amendments *to* Section 155.17 and 136.4 of the Commissioner of Education Regulations** *effective June 3, 2026, and July 1, 2026.* **Desha's Law Cardiac Emergency Response Plan, Sudden Cardiac Arrest training by September 15, AED Locations, Emergency Contact Numbers, and CPR/AED Certified School Personnel** *Effective January 20, 2026.*

Building-Level Emergency Response Plan

The Building –level Emergency Response Plan template has also been revised, however, this plan is a confidential document which cannot be shared with the public. The plan is required to be posted to the SED Business Portal by October 1st of each school year. Much like the District Plan there is a similar process which must be completed for the Building-level Plan. The plan must be first approved by the Building-level Emergency Response Team before it can go to the school board for approval. Because this is a confidential plan, the board will usually review this plan in closed session. The plan must then be adopted by September 1st and as previously noted, entered into the SED Business Portal by October 1st. **Updates to this plan include amendments to Section 155.17 and 136.4 of the Commissioner of Education Regulations, Desha's Law Cardiac Emergency Response Plan, Venue Specific Sudden Cardiac Arrest Procedures, Transportation, Missing Student With Cognitive Disability or Autism, Incident Command After Hours.**



In– District Health & Safety Specialist Reminder!

This is a reminder that requests for a Nassau BOCES In-District Safety Specialist for the 2026-27 school year should be made as soon as possible. While all 56 of the Nassau County School Districts are members of the Nassau BOCES Health & Safety Training and Information Service, 28 of the 56 school districts also have an assigned In-District Safety Specialist. These individuals work closely with superintendents, business officials, school building principals, facility directors, technology directors, nurses, and other staff to assist them with the many and ever changing health and safety regulations/requirements. Our staff have received continuous accolades over the past years for their assistance. While the official request for a Safety Specialist will come through your annual Letter-of-Intent, advance notice of your interest will allow us to plan appropriately and provide an individual in a timely manner. Please contact the Health and Safety Service at 516-396-2388 for further information.



Compliance Issues

Answers to recent compliance questions arising in school districts. ***Pesticide Application/Notification***

School Districts are required to establish a pesticide notification procedure to provide information on pesticide application at school facilities. Schools shall provide written notification to all staff and persons in parental relation **at the beginning of each school year and summer school session (within the first week)** including:

- A statement that pesticides may be used periodically throughout the school year.
- A statement that schools are required to maintain a list of staff and persons in parental relation who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of pesticide applications at relevant facilities.
- Instructions on how to register with the school to be on such list for notification.
- Name of a school representative and contact number to obtain further information.
- Schools shall provide written notification (pesticide application summary report) to all staff and persons in parental relation within 10 days of the end of the school year and within 2 school days of the end of the winter recess, spring recess and summer school session for **each application which required prior notification and each emergency application.**

In New York State, Pesticide Application in schools can only be conducted by a **Certified Pesticide Applicator**. School districts wishing to use in-house staff must register with the State as a Pesticide Agency, carry Commercial General Liability Insurance with a minimum of $1,000,000 for each occurrence, and assure staff meet all training/supervision requirements to become certified. There are no exemptions from this requirement.

This should not be confused with Pesticide Notification requirements. In most instances, the application of pesticides requires 48-hour prior notification. However, there are instances when prior notification is not required:

- Antimicrobial pesticides and products as defined by FIFRA.
- Aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of less than 18 fluid ounces, used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects. Fogging is not exempt.
- Application where the school facility remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hour period following pesticide application.
- Silica gels, and other non-volatile ready-to-use paste, foam or gel insecticides in areas inaccessible to children.
- Non-volatile insecticidal or rodenticidal baits in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children.
- U.S. EPA exempt materials under 40 CFR 152.25.
- U.S. EPA designated biopesticide.
- Boric Acid and Disodium Octaborate Tetrahydrate.
- An emergency application due to an imminent threat to human health. Notification to the Commissioner of Health is required.

THESE EXCEPTIONS ONLY ELIMINATE THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT – NOT THE REQUIREMENT TO BE A CERTIFIED APPLICATOR.

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The Nassau BOCES *Health & Safety Focus* is a review of health and safety issues for subscribing school districts. Questions and comments on this document are welcome. Please contact the Health & Safety Training and Information Service staff at:

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