



District Audit Report

August 11, 2026

DISTRICT SAFETY AUDIT REPORT

TEC Sec. 37.108. SECURITY AUDIT.

- At least once every three years, a school district **shall** conduct a security audit of the district's facilities.



AUDIT REPORT

This proactive process ensures students are achieving their ultimate learning potential in a safe and secure environment.

Process Supports

- **Our Belief**
 - 1. Kids come first.**
 2. Continuous learning is essential to prepare for college and career opportunities.
 3. Each student's success is the shared responsibility of students, families, schools, and communities.
 - 4. Learning is influenced by environment.**
- **Strategic Goal 3** - Northwest ISD will foster a safe environment and a culture of engagement that values the voices of all students, staff, families and community members.

STUDENT SUCCESS

AUDIT REPORT

- A safety audit provides a comprehensive review of district safety and security practices, highlighting areas of strength as well as opportunities for continued improvement.
- The audit evaluates key components of school safety, including facility security and access control, emergency preparedness and response, Emergency Operations Plans, drills and exercises, and school climate.
- Audit findings provide the District with an opportunity to validate existing safety measures, identify areas for enhancement, and prioritize ongoing improvements to support a safe and secure learning environment.

AUDIT EVALUATION POINTS

Campus Leadership & Staff Input

- Campus Safety Committee structure and participation
- Staff feedback regarding safety needs, training priorities, barriers, and areas for improvement
- Review of campus safety activities and practices

Risk & Site Assessment

- Review of area and neighborhood risk factors
- Visual inspection of campus grounds and building exterior
- Evaluation of structures, fencing, gates, doors, and windows

Building Access & Security

- Exterior and interior door security
- Visitor access and sign-in procedures
- Classroom and restricted-area access
- Emergency access and notification procedures

AUDIT EVALUATION POINTS

Building Interior & Environmental Safety

- General facility condition and maintenance
- Lighting, hallways, restrooms, emergency exits
- Classroom emergency supplies and Go Kits
- Storage and security of chemicals and hazardous materials
- Identification and accessibility of critical utility shut-offs

Monitoring & Surveillance

- Security camera coverage and functionality
- Staff supervision and monitoring practices
- Interior and exterior security considerations

Emergency Preparedness

- Emergency Operations Plan and campus safety procedures
- Standard Response Protocol implementation
- Drill documentation and required drill types
- Campus Safety Team roles and preparedness
- Plan distribution and coordination with first responders

Communications & Information

- Emergency communication systems and procedures
- Classroom and staff communication capabilities
- Emergency notification and parent/community communication
- Law enforcement notification procedures
- District Call Center and emergency notification processes

Health & Student Safety Practices

- Procedures addressing student/staff health and injuries
- Infectious disease prevention practices
- Documentation and reporting procedures

AUDIT EVALUATION POINTS



Roof Hatch Lock



Turf Repair



Exterior Debris

CORRECTIVE PROCESS

Campus-Level Resolution

- Most findings can be addressed directly at the campus level.
- Campus leadership works with the assigned Safety Coordinator to develop and implement corrective actions.
- Safety Coordinators provide guidance, assistance, and follow-up to support timely resolution.

Maintenance & Facility-Related Findings

- Findings requiring facility repairs or maintenance are entered into the Facilitron work order system.
- The appropriate maintenance team is assigned the corrective action.
- Safety Coordinators monitor the work order and follow up with Maintenance as needed.

DAR – DISTRICT AUDIT REPORT

District-Wide Data & Validation

- Campus safety audit findings and corrective actions
- School Resource Officer staffing and coverage
- Campus Safety Committee validation
- Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) validation
- Behavioral Threat Assessment process validation
- District policy and procedure validation
- Safety drill frequency and compliance
- Health and safety practice validation
- Campus mapping and facility information
- Safety and security technology validation

Purpose of the DAR

- Provides a comprehensive, district-wide picture of school safety and security.
- Validates the District's ongoing compliance with state safety requirements.
- Identifies strengths, opportunities for improvement, and areas for continued investment.
- Helps guide the District's ongoing safety and security planning for the next three-year cycle.



TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Texas School Safety Center



LOOKING FORWARD

The Texas School Safety Center has revised the assessment process for the 2026–2029 cycle.

- New timelines and reporting expectations for specific data points
- An updated data collection process
- New and expanded documentation requirements
- Increased focus on maintaining documentation throughout the three-year cycle

Northwest ISD Safety & Security is currently evaluating and implementing the revised process to ensure our campuses and departments are prepared to meet the new expectations.

- Maintaining strong safety practices
- Identifying opportunities for improvement
- Documenting our efforts and outcomes
- Continuing to build a safe and secure learning environment for every student and staff member

