

To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	August 8, 2024
SUBJECT:	Intruder Detection Audit Annual Report
CATEGORY:	School Safety and Security
NEXT STEPS:	Please share with district and education service center safety personnel

Overview

The Texas Education Agency's Office of School Safety and Security works to build the capacity of school systems and regional education service centers (ESCs) to promote the physical and psychological well-being of students and staff - recognizing that safer schools are foundational for student success.

In accordance with <u>Texas Education Code (TEC)</u>, <u>Section §37.1084</u>, the Office of School Safety and Security at TEA is charged with establishing school safety review teams in each region served by an education service center. These teams must annually conduct on-site general intruder detection audits (IDAs) of school district campuses in their region. This To the Administrator Addressed (TAA) letter summarizes Intruder Detection Audits conducted during the 2023-2024 school year.

Intruder Detection Audits

TEC, §37.1084, requires that, when conducting an IDA, teams must:

- Use a rubric developed by the Office of School Safety and Security in consultation with the Texas School Safety Center;
- Not later than seven days before the date of a scheduled audit, notify the superintendent of the school district in which the campus being audited is located; and
- On completion of the audit, provide to the superintendent and school safety and security committee a report on the results of the audit. The report includes recommendations and required corrective actions to address any deficiencies in campus security identified by the team.

Reports produced by a team under this section are confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

Please see the 2023-2024 Intruder Detection Audit Annual Report.

Additional Information

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this TAA, please email SafeSchools@tea.texas.gov.