

School Safety and Security Specialists

School Safety Center

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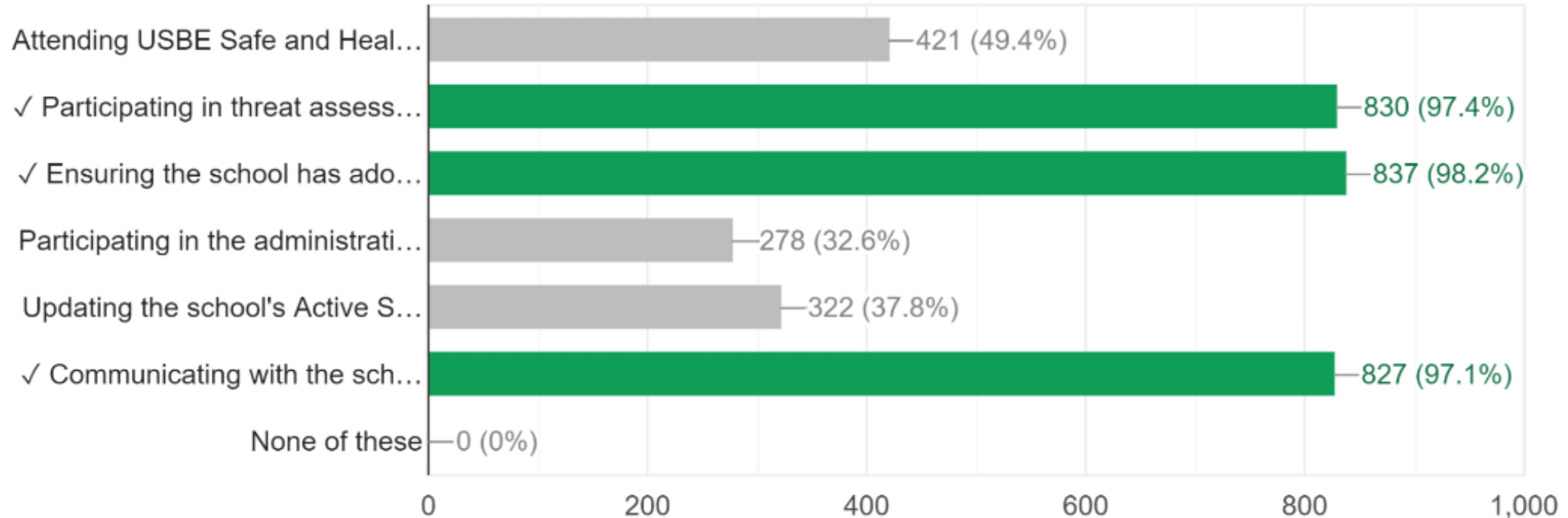
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Welcome!

- Please update your Zoom name to **First Name Last Initial, LEA Name**.
- Complete the **Poll Everywhere** by 11:35 AM.
 - (Registration is not required.)
 - **Hint:** Find the School Safety Specialist Overview PDF attached in a previous email.
- Housekeeping:
 - Throughout our training, if you're in Zoom use the "Q and A" feature to ask questions. If you're in YouTube, use the Chat feature. (We love to keep track of all questions!)
 - Shaleece will facilitate all questions.
 - Check your SPAM folder for emails from schoolsafetyprograms@schools.utah.gov.



Which of the following are part of the duties of a School Safety Specialist? (Select all that apply).



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Participating in threat assessment

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Ensuring the school has adopted Standard Response Protocol

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Participating in the administration of the SHARP Survey, reviewing the data, and implementing plans to ...

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Updating the school's Active Shooter Response plan according to rule

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Communicating with the school community about what the school is doing for school safety

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Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Response Plan Follow-Up

School Safety and Security Specialists will be aware of the location of their school's and Local Education Agency's (LEA's) emergency response protocols.

By our next webinar, the School Safety and Security Specialist will:

- Work with the appropriate administrator to review your school's emergency response protocols.

Does your LEA still need to be trained in Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG)?

Yes



No



Does your LEA still need to be trained in Standard Response Protocol?

Yes



No



If you answered “yes” to either question...

Complete the Training Request Portal



State Security Chief Pennington



Chief Matt Pennington has served as a police officer since 2004, beginning his career with the Weber County Sheriff's Office where he worked as a deputy sheriff in patrol until he left in 2007 to join the South Jordan Police Department. In January 2024, Chief Pennington was appointed as the first Utah State Security Chief by Commissioner Anderson with the Department of Public Safety, where he will be responsible for overseeing safety and security for schools and other infrastructure state-wide. Chief Pennington holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology with a certificate in Criminology and Corrections from the University of Utah, a Master's Degree in Management and Leadership and an MBA from Western Governors University.

House Bill (H.B.) 84 (2024)

School Safety Amendments

Overview

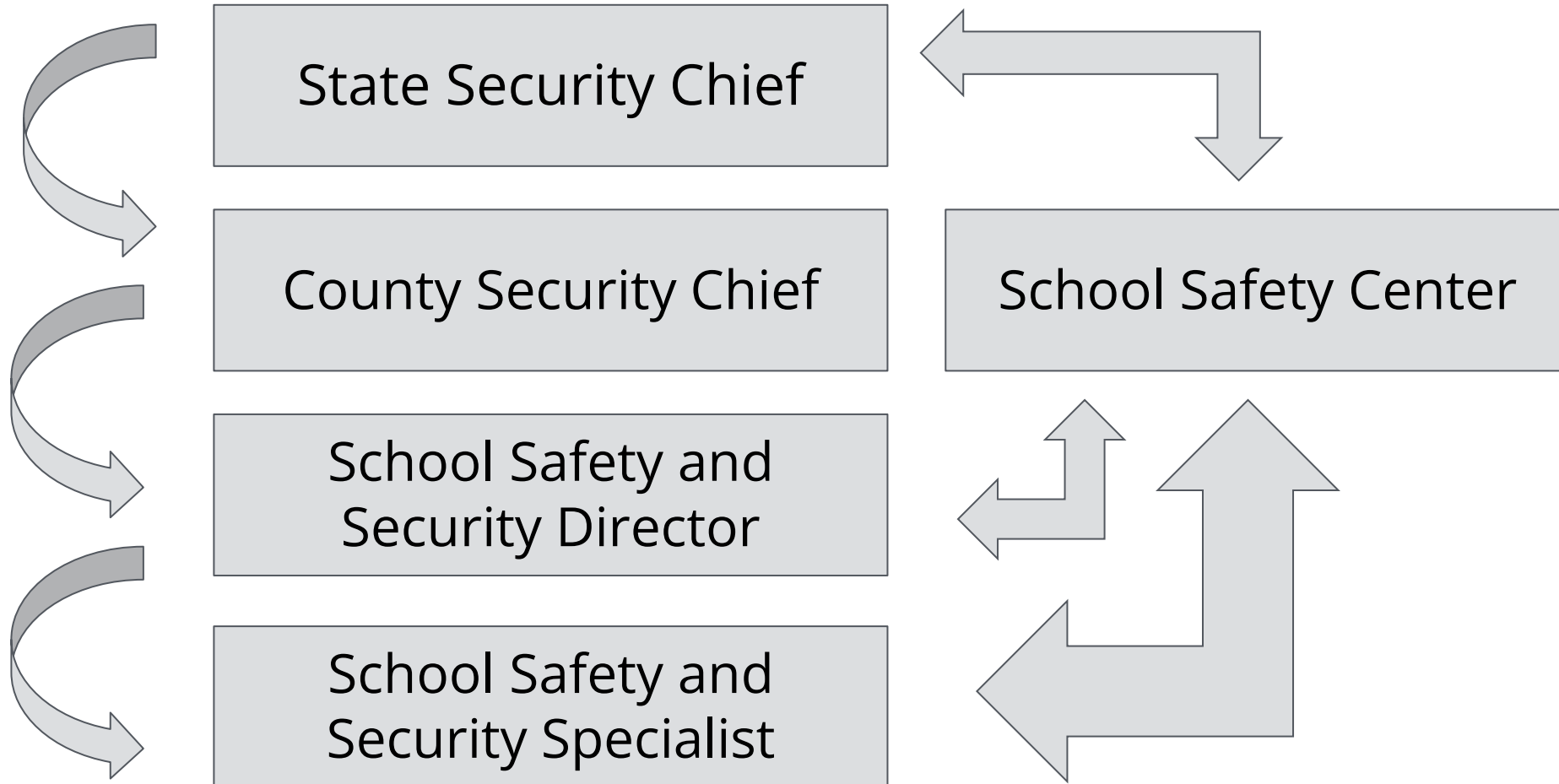
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****In addition to what is shared today, further information, resources, and support will be shared at a later date.****

- Bill Sponsor: Representative Ryan Wilcox
- Floor Sponsor: Senator Don Ipson



Channels of Information Flow



Guardian Program (1)

- Each public and charter school in the State of Utah **must** select one of the following options; or a combination of:
 - School Resource Officer
 - Armed Guardian
 - Armed School Security Guard
- The intent of the bill is to have coverage when school is in session.
- **School Resource Officer:** Sworn and certified law enforcement officer whose agency contracts with local education agencies for school-based law enforcement services.

Guardian Program (2)

- **Armed Guardian:** A school employee who volunteers to be part of the program.
- **Armed School Security Guard:** employed by a contracted security company whose primary duty is to safeguard persons and property within the school and has immediate access to a firearm within the course of their duties.
- State Security Chief will keep database of Armed Security Guards and Armed Guardians.
- Dissemination of Armed Guardian identity may be punishable by a class B misdemeanor.

Guardian Program (3)

- Guardian training program will be selected by the State Security Chief.
 - County Security Chiefs will implement the program at the County level.
- Must have a Carrying Concealed Weapon (CCW) permit and pass a background check.
- Mental health screening to selected by State Security Chief in collaboration with OSUMH.
- County Security Chief has power to deny certification of Guardian.



Emergency Response Plans

- The State Security Chief in collaboration with the School Safety Center will establish rules to require an LEA to create emergency response plans. Plans shall include developmentally appropriate training for students and adults regarding:
 - Active threats
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Drills
 - Standard Response Protocols (SRP)



Multidisciplinary Teams

- The School Safety Center, State Security Chief, and Office of Substance Use and Mental Health will develop model policies requiring behavioral threat assessment.
- The School Safety Center and State Security Chief will provide training in behavioral threat assessment best practices and improving school culture and climate.
- If a Local Education Agency (LEA) receives information from juvenile court that a student was arrested for a violent felony, multidisciplinary team shall develop a reintegration plan for the student.



Reporting a Substantial Threat (1)

- **Substantial Threat:** A threat made with serious intent to cause harm.
 - Threat exhibits a high risk of death or serious bodily injury.
- If a state employee or a person in a position of trust, the shall:
 - report the incident immediately to the State Security Chief;
 - the Local Education Agency (LEA) the threat would impact; or
 - the local law enforcement agency.
- If an LEA receives report - must be relayed to local law enforcement and State Security Chief.



Reporting a Substantial Threat (2)

- If State Security Chief receives report - must be relayed to LEA and local law enforcement.
- If law enforcement receives report - must be relayed to State Security Chief and LEA.
 - LEA may request completed investigative report and law enforcement agency shall provide report.



School Safety and Security Specialists (1)

- Each public and charter school is required to have a School Safety and Security Specialist.
 - Reports to the principal of the school.
 - Oversees safety and security practices to ensure safe and secure environment.
 - Conduct annual safety needs assessments and building needs assessments.
 - Participates on the multidisciplinary team.
 - Monitor for and report to the principal any safety and security concerns resulting from facilities issues or concerns with policies, procedures, and implementation relating to safety and security.


School Safety and Security Specialists (2)

- Each public and charter school is required to have a School Safety and Security Specialist.
 - Implement and monitor safety and security drills.
 - Ensure compliance and training standards with students and staff relating to school's safety and security policies and procedures.
 - Organize debriefings after school's safety and security has been compromised.
 - Adhere to LEA, school, or law enforcement policy relating to chain of command.
 - Participate in annual training determined by the State Security Chief and the School Safety Center.

Ongoing Funding

- School Safety and Security Specialist Program will be funded with ongoing funds made available through H.B. 61 (2023).





H.B. 182 (2024)

Student Survey Amendments

Overview



1. Parent Consent

- Type A Surveys: LEAs shall obtain parental consent **annually in writing*** during **registration** for:
 - surveys related to early-warning systems ([53F-4-207](#))
 - surveys with social-emotional learning questions
 - school climate survey ([53G-8-802](#))

*An electronic signature meets the “in writing” requirement.

- Type B Surveys: Parental consent for surveys not listed above must follow requirements stated in [53E-9-203](#).

Reminder: Validity of Parental Consent

Parents must:

- first be given written notice
- be **provided a copy** of the survey questions in the written notice
- be given a reasonable opportunity to obtain written information about the survey

See [53E-9-203\(5\)\(a\)](#) for more details.

2. Model School Climate Survey

- LEAs may **opt-in** for the administration of the model school climate survey created by the State Board of Education ([53G-8-802](#)).
 - If your LEA decides to administer the model school climate survey, USBE will still provide support.
- LEA school discipline policies are still required to be informed and updated by data obtained by any regular safety or health related survey, including a school's climate survey as described in Rule R277-623 ([R277-609-2](#)).

3. Transfer Students

- LEAs must obtain **new** consent for a transferring student from a different LEA.
- **Prior consent** from the previous LEA is **not valid**, even during the same school year.

4. Data Collection Information

LEAs must provide information about the data collection process, specifically:

- the survey to be administered
- the intended **purposes and uses** of the data collected;
- the types of persons or governmental entities that:
 - **share** the collected data, including a list of recipients who will **receive** student-level data; or
 - receive the data collected from a governmental entity on a regular or contractual basis; and
- the record series as defined in Section [63G-2-103](#) in which the data is or will be included, if applicable.*

*USBE is still seeking clarification.

5. Survey Participation

- LEAs cannot provide a reward or consequence related to survey participation.

Importance of Collecting & Analyzing Data

“Is being a safe school an *objective* or *subjective* measure?”

- Ongoing data collection is necessary to help inform safety decisions on the district and building level.
- LEA's may wish to include multiple and diverse data points; collected within the school and by community partners.
- Importance of both qualitative and quantitative data
- **CSTAG / threat assessment is not affected.**

Share Findings

[Climate Survey Dashboard Public Link \(USBE\)](#)

[The Utah Student Health and Risk Prevention \(SHARP\) Survey \(DHHS\)](#)

[Department of Public Safety Public Dashboard \(DPS\)](#)

[SafeUT Annual Report \(SafeUT\)](#)



SCHOOL SAFETY is Our Top Priority

Educators, parents and community members, work to ensure that each student learns in a safe and healthy school environment.

What is the School Safety Center?

The Utah State Board of Education **School Safety Center** (SSC) is a partnership of state agencies advancing the physical safety and well-being of Utah's communities by reviewing data and providing technical assistance, developing resources, trainings, and materials that promote school safety.

Most Utahns Feel Schools are Safe

- 87% | Students in grade 6-12 feel safe at school
- 94% | Teachers feel safe at school
- 95% | Parents feel their child is safe at school

From the 2021 School Climate Survey

Call to Action

1. School Safety and Security Specialists will:
 - a. locate any school safety data collected at your district or school level and learn how it is utilized; and
 - b. research other safety data that is being collected at the community level (e.g., Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA), local health department, law enforcement agency, etc.).



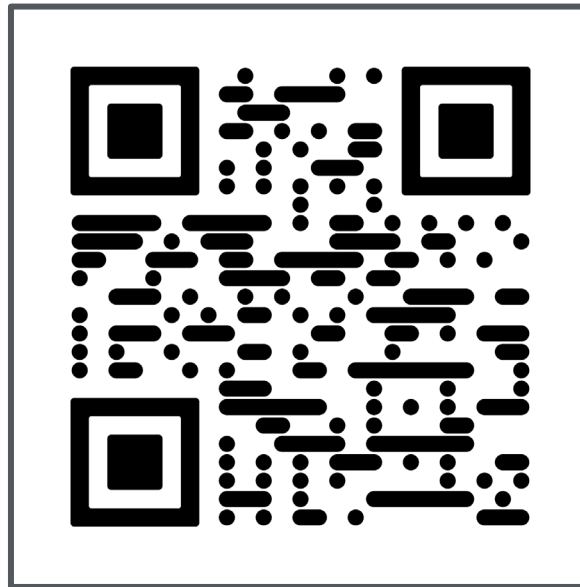
Housekeeping

- Questionnaires
 - Submit to show required training completion
 - LEA level participation may be shared with the School Security Task Force.
 - 100% for hours
 - due by 30 days after the training
- Recording and presentation posting
- Stipend
 - Work with your Business Administrator to be sure funding is requested from USBE by June 30, 2024.

Questions?

Questionnaire and License Renewal Hour

Complete this questionnaire to mark your required attendance.



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Resources

- [2024 General Session of the Utah Legislature Public Education Legislative Summary](#)
- **Save the dates!** (attendance is optional)
 - Standard Response Protocol / Standard Reunification Method Virtual Training
 - [Wednesday, May 15, 2024 | 12:00 - 4:00 PM](#)
 - 2024 Utah School Safety Conference
 - Thursday - Friday, June 13-14 | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- [Training Request Portal](#)
- Reach the School Safety Center at schoolsafetyprograms@schools.utah.gov