

Welcome, School Safety and Security Specialists!

Housekeeping:

- Use the “Q&A” feature throughout our training to ask questions.
- Questions will be answered by members of the School Safety Center.
 - Note, the Q&A will be shared publicly for those who cannot join us live.
- Check your SPAM folder for emails from schoolsafetyprograms@schools.utah.gov.



School Safety and Security Specialist Training #1

Program Updates and Family Education Rights and Privacy
Act (FERPA) Exceptions and Records Management

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 | 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



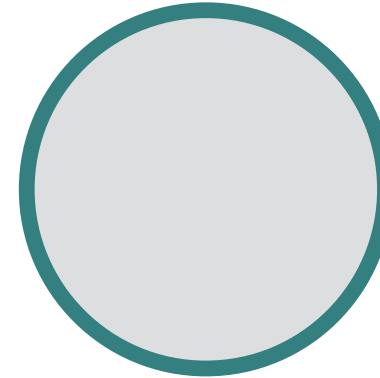
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Agenda

- Welcome!
- School Safety Center Updates
- Role of the School Safety and Security Specialist
- FERPA Exceptions and Records Management
- Next Steps
- Question & Answer

Welcome!

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Training, Equipment, and Funding

Professional Learning Opportunities

- School Safety Center Conference
 - June 9-10, 2027
- NEW School Safety and Security Training Program
- CSTAG
- The “I Love U Guys” Foundation
- PREPaRE Workshop 1
- Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)
- Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD)
 - Staying Safe

Safety Equipment and Devices

- Bleed Control Kits
- First Aid Kits
- Wearable Panic Alert Devices

Projects in Development

- Emergency Planning Guide
- Utah School Safety Playbook
- School Safety Dashboard

Funding

- School Safety and Support Grants (Closeout Date: June 30, 2027)



New Learning Portal

The [Utah State Board of Education \(USBE\) Learning Portal](#) is an online tool for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to request specific professional learning, technical assistance, or training support from USBE. The information submitted is used to help coordinate learning opportunities across the state to ensure that LEA needs are addressed and met in an efficient manner.

School Safety and Security Training Program (1)

Utah Code Annotated 53G-8-702: School Administrator and School Resource Officer Training - Curriculum

- Annual program:
 - School principals
 - School personnel
 - School safety and security personnel
 - School resource officers
- At least one **four (4) hour, in-person** training requirement



School Safety and Security Training Program (2)

- Topics Include:
 - Comprehensive School Safety Framework
 - SRP
 - CSTAG
 - PREPaRE Workshop 1: *Comprehensive School Safety, Planning Through Recovery*
 - Legal updates

Wearable Panic Alert Devices (WPADs)

- [Utah Code Section 53G-8-805: Panic Alert Device](#)
 - Lead teachers
 - Appropriate school safety personnel
 - School Safety and Security Specialist
 - School Resource Officer
 - School Guardian
 - Armed School Security Guard
 - July 1, 2027
- [USBE WPADs Website](#)
 - LEAs are not required to utilize the state-procured wearable panic alert devices.
 - Three state contracts
 - **Due Date:** 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2026





State Charter School Board (SCSB) Updates

The SCSB welcomes three new board members:

Adam Gerlach



Brandon Johnson



Mickelle Bos



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School Safety and Security Specialist Canvas Course (1)



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FY27 School Safety and Security Specialist



Congratulations on being designated as your school's School Safety and Security Specialist! A School Safety and Security Specialist is described as a school employee responsible for supporting school safety initiatives ([Utah Code Section 53G-8-701.6](#)), and the Utah School Safety Center (SSC) is excited to be working with you this year. This Canvas course will be used throughout the school year to share training recordings, exit tickets, resources, and more! To receive a certificate of completion, each School Safety and Security Specialist must:

- View **all required** trainings (either by attending live or watching the recording);
- Complete **all** exit tickets **by the due date** and score at least 4/5;
- View all Q&A boards (**posting a question is optional**); and
- **Complete the Evaluation Form** at the end of the course.

Some additional duties of a School Safety and Security Specialist include:

View Course Stream

View Course Calendar

View Course Notifications

To Do



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5 points |
Oct 31 at 11:59pm



[Principal and SSSS Exit...](#) x
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5 points |
May 31, 2027 at 11:59pm

School Safety and Security Specialist Canvas Course (2)

The screenshot displays the Canvas LMS interface for the 'FY27-SSSS' course, specifically the 'Modules' page. The interface is divided into a left sidebar, a top navigation bar, and a main content area.

Left Sidebar: Contains navigation links for Home, Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, History, Studio, and Help.

Top Navigation Bar: Shows the course title 'FY27-SSSS' and the 'Modules' tab. A 'Collapse All' button is visible.

Main Content Area: Displays a list of modules and their completion status. The modules are organized into sections:

- FY27 Recordings**
- Resources**
- Onboarding (Required for new Specialists)**
- Training #1 (REQUIRED): Program Updates and FERPA Exceptions and Records Management**
 - Training #1: Viewing Confirmation (1 pts, Score at least 1.0)
 - Exit Ticket #1: Program Updates and FERPA Exceptions and Records Management (5 pts, Score at least 4.0)
 - Training #1 Q&A: Program Updates and FERPA Exceptions and Records Management (View)
- Principal and SSSS Collaboration Form (REQUIRED)** (Complete All Items)
- Principal and SSSS Collaboration Form** (Oct 31, 5 pts, Submit)
- Training #2 (REQUIRED): TBD** (Prerequisites: Training #1 (REQUIRED): Program Updates and FERPA Exceptions and Records Management, Principal and SSSS Collaboration Form (REQUIRED)) (Complete All Items)
- Training #3 (OPTIONAL): TBD** (Prerequisites: Training #2 (REQUIRED): TBD)
- Training #4 (REQUIRED): TBD** (Prerequisites: Training #2 (REQUIRED): TBD) (Complete All Items)
- Principal and SSSS Exit Feedback Form (REQUIRED)** (Prerequisites: Training #4 (REQUIRED): TBD)
- FY27 SSSS Training Program Evaluation and Feedback Form (and Certificate of Completion) (REQUIRED)** (Prerequisites: Training #4 (REQUIRED): TBD, Principal and SSSS Exit Feedback Form (REQUIRED))

Right Sidebar: Contains navigation links for Home, Modules, Announcements, Grades, and Notebook.

Bottom Right: Features the School Safety Center logo and the Utah State Board of Education logo.

School Safety and Security Specialist Checklist


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School Safety and Security Specialist Checklist

Purpose

This checklist provides School Safety and Security Specialists with a clear understanding of their responsibilities, including safety coordination and continuous improvement. Specialists are also responsible for staying current with Utah Code Section 53G-8-701.6(3)(C) regarding strengthening school safety and security practices following an event where the school's security has been significantly compromised.

Who Can Serve?

Each eligible school has a designated School Safety and Security Specialist.

Eligibility requirements for the designated Specialist:

- Is a current employee of the assigned school;
- Cannot be assigned to multiple schools;
- Is not the principal;*;
- Is not a classroom teacher;*;
- May also serve as the School Guardian if approved by the LEA;
- Understands that they report directly to the LEA.

*The legislative duties cannot be split between an employee turnover submitted to the SSC.

Specialist Training Requirements:

- ☐ Complete training requirements set forth in the Utah School Safety and Security Training Coursework.
- ☐ Remain current on:
 - Comprehensive School Threat Assessment;
 - The duties of a Specialist; and
 - The school's Emergency Prepared Plans.

Utah School Safety Needs Assessment

- ☐ Collaborate with the County Security Chief and with local law enforcement of relevant jurisdiction regarding:
 - Conducting the Utah School Safety Assessment;
 - Submit the completed assessment to the County Security Chief by the end of the year; and
 - Review the results of the Utah School Safety Assessment and implement improvements to school and regulations relating to school safety.

Behavioral Threat Assessment Model

- ☐ Be an active member of the school's Behavioral Threat Assessment Model, including, but not limited to:
 - Conducting a behavioral threat assessment using an evidence-based tool, such as CSAT.

School Training, Drills, and Policy

- ☐ Ensure school staff and students receive training on security practices.
- ☐ Coordinate with local first responder agencies for security drills.
- ☐ Ensure adherence to all policies, procedures, and school safety.
- ☐ Follow any local Education Agency or state privacy policies.

Emergency Events

- ☐ Coordinate with school safety personnel during emergency events.
- ☐ Abide by any LEA, school, or law enforcement command.
- ☐ Act subordinate to any responding law enforcement or the school.

School Climate

- ☐ Monitor and report to the principal, local law enforcement, and, if applicable, the LEA superintendent, or designee, on security risks for the school regarding school facilities or the implementation of safety practices.
- ☐ Oversee school safety and security practices to ensure a safe and secure school environment for students and staff.

Stipend Information

- The stipend or legislative duties cannot be split between individuals, unless there is formal documentation of employee turnover submitted to the SSC.
- Each LEA will receive annual funding to provide one \$3,000 stipend per Specialist per eligible school.
- Final salary amounts may vary based on benefit deductions and should be confirmed with the LEA's Business Administrator.
- All questions regarding stipend payments should be directed to the school principal or the LEA School Safety and Security Director.

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Principal & School Safety and Security Specialists Collaboration Exit & Feedback Forms

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Collaboration Form

Principal | School Safety and Security Specialist

Complete at the beginning of the school year. **Date**

Due: October 31, 2026, in the [FY27-SSSS Canvas course](#).

Purpose: To establish shared expectations, strengthen collaboration, and identify school safety priorities for the year.

Principal Name

Specialist Name

School Name

1. Expectations of the Specialist
What are your top expectations of your School Safety & Security Specialist this year?

2. Collaboration Ideas
What are some ways we can work together this year to support school safety and security?

3. Goals for the School Year
What are your top 1-2 goals related to school safety and security this year?

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Exit Feedback Form

Principal | School Safety and Security Specialist

Complete at the end of the school year. **Date**

Due: May 31, 2027, in the [FY27-SSSS Canvas course](#).

Purpose: To reflect on the year, identify effective collaboration practices, and plan for continued partnership.

Principal Name

Specialist Name

School Name

1. What Helped Our Collaboration
What aspects of our collaboration were most helpful or effective this year?

2. Opportunities for Improvement
What could we do differently or improve next year?

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Safe and Healthy Learning Environment



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Working together to keep every student safe, supported, and ready to learn.



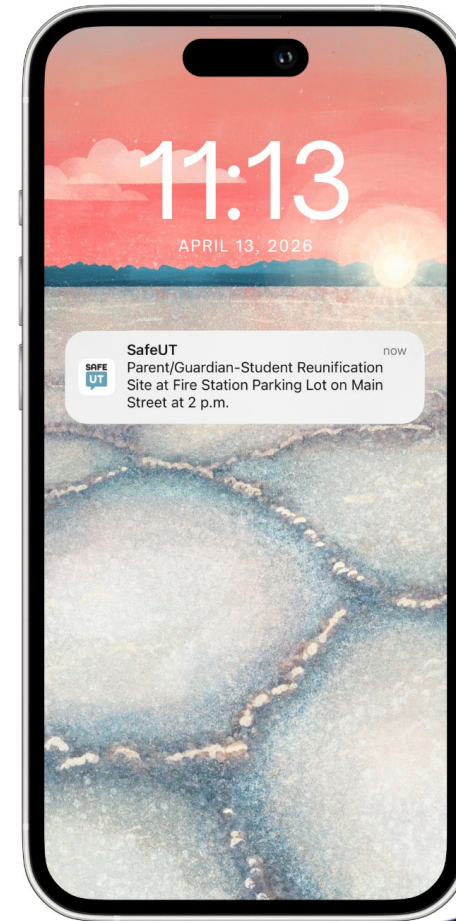
School Safety - Physical Space, Culture, and Climate

- **School safety** means the physical space, culture, and climate of a school.
- **Physical space** means the way in which a building is designed and structured to promote safety including the minimum safety and security standards as described in Section 53-22-102.
- **Culture** means the beliefs, values, and practices that shape how a school functions and influences student learning and well-being through policies, procedures, and safety protocols.
- **Climate** means the perceptions and experiences of students, staff, parents, and the community regarding the school's environment and the resources that support the experiences.



SafeUT Notification Center Launch

- New Notification Center available in SafeUT School Portal
- Supports H.B. 84 (2026) school safety requirements
- Send alerts to students, parents, and educators using the SafeUT app
- Training available now in the School Portal



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Next Steps

1. Accept the course invitation from notifications@instructure.com.
 - a. (Check your spam or junk folders.)
2. Complete the Viewing Confirmation quiz to unlock Exit Ticket #1.
3. Take Exit Ticket #1 **by the due date, December 9, 2026** with at least a score of 4/5 to pass.
 - a. Specialists interested in earning relicensure hours will need to score 5/5.
 - i. All hours will be entered into Altitude at the **end** of the Canvas course in spring 2027.

School Safety and Security Specialist Training Program Information

The SSSS Onboarding Guide will be sent to all Specialists via email. Viewing is required for all **new** Specialists and may be helpful for returning Specialists.

1. **Training #1:** Program Updates and FERPA Exceptions and Records Management
 - a. Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
2. **Training #2:** Addressing School Safety Through Culture & Climate
 - a. [Wednesday, December 9, 2026 | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.](#)
3. **Training #3 (Optional):** TBD
 - a. [Wednesday, March 17, 2027 | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.](#)
4. **Training #4:** Updates from the 2027 Legislative Session
 - a. [Wednesday, April 28, 2027 | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.](#)



Questions

Contact the School Safety Center at
schoolsafetyprograms@schools.utah.gov.

