



Center for Safe Schools (CSS) provides comprehensive safety assessment services to Pennsylvania school districts. **As defined by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), comprehensive safety assessments should contain two critical elements: a physical and a behavioral health assessment.** CSS has nationally certified practitioners available that specialize in exceeding PCCD assessment requirements and recommendations. The following provides an overview of services directly related to the CSS's assessment process and how it can support comprehensive school safety.

Physical Safety Assessments

The practitioners at Center for Safe Schools are approved by PCCD to provide comprehensive safety assessments for schools; CSS ensures that all PCCD requirements and recommendations are addressed throughout the assessment process. CSS performs thorough exterior and interior assessments, All-Hazards Plan and policy reviews, and provides professional development recommendations. CSS also has expert staff to assist districts with long-term safety professional development planning.

Behavioral Health and School Climate Assessments

A comprehensive behavioral health and school climate assessment consists of multiple factors. These factors include examining school safety through a physical and perceptual lens, student engagement and the learning environment. Center for Safe Schools administers a thorough assessment that observes these factors on multiple levels. The assessors conduct a walk-through, a walk-around, observation of arrival and departure of students, and interviews with staff and students. The assessors also review provided policy, data and other documents that indicate current trends at the school building(s).

Contact Center for Safe Schools with questions and for more information about how CSS can assist you.

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