

SCHOOL SAFETY GOALS

Classroom Level Goals

These goals can be used to promote safety in individual classrooms. These goals may be determined individually by teachers or together as a school.

Goals

Secure your classroom environment.

Build student awareness.

Support student mental health.

Actionable Steps

- Keep classroom doors locked.
- Position furniture to avoid blocking exits.
- Post emergency procedures near the door.

- Practice age-appropriate drills.
- Review safety protocols with students and discuss importance.
- Encourage students to report concerns anonymously.

- Learning warning signs of stress or crisis.
- Create a calm corner.
- Share mental health resources with families.

Try This!

Use these discussion prompts with students.

- Why do you think schools have safety drills?
- What can you do to help make drills go smoothly?
- Why is it important to take drills seriously, even if they feel routine?
- How do safety protocols help keep everyone safe?
- Why is it important to stay calm and follow directions during an emergency?
- How does following these rules protect not just you, but your friends and teachers?



School Level Goals

These goals can be used to promote safety on a school campus as a whole. These will often need to be implemented by administrators and other school leaders.

Goals

Strengthen building security.

Improve emergency preparedness.

Enhance communication.

Actionable Steps

- Ensure exterior doors are locked.
- Install or upgrade security cameras in high-traffic areas.
- Implement a visitor management system with ID checks.

- Practice age-appropriate drills.
- Schedule drills for fire, lockdown, and severe weather.
- Conduct quarterly safety audits and walkthroughs.

- Adopt a mass notification system for staff and families.
- Create quick reference guides for classrooms.
- Test communication channels monthly.

Try This!

When creating a quick-reference emergency guide for classrooms, consider including the following information:

- Emergency and key internal contact numbers
- Condensed versions of emergency procedures
- Communication Protocol - who to contact
- Location of emergency kits



District Level Goals

These goals can be used to promote safety throughout the district. These will often need to be implemented by district leadership.

Goals

Standardize safety policies across schools.

Invest in mental health and crisis response

Leverage technology for safety.

Actionable Steps

- Develop district-wide safety protocols and training.
- Ensure consistency in visitor management.
- Provide funding for upgrades.

- Work with mental health professionals.
- Offer district-wide training.
- Create a reporting system for concerns.

- Implement innovative technology.
- Use analytics to monitor safety trends and incidents.
- Ensure cybersecurity measures protect student data.

Try This!

Create a safety walkthrough checklist. Consider including the following questions:

- Are all exterior and classroom doors locked during school hours?
- Are visitor badges visible and properly logged?
- Are emergency maps posted in every classroom?
- Are drill logs up to date?

