



2024 NATIONAL SUMMIT ON K-12 SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY **RESOURCE GUIDE**

Resources, tools and programs highlighted at the
2024 National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security



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The National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security (Summit), hosted by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) on September 25 and 26, 2024, brought together federal, state, local, tribal and territorial school leaders to share actionable recommendations that enhance safe and supportive learning environments in kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) schools. Through expert panels, sessions and keynote addresses by leaders in the field, the Summit explored current issues in school safety and research-informed strategies for addressing security challenges.

K-12 schools and school systems face complex security risks and contend with dynamic and evolving threats ranging from acts of targeted violence to cyberattacks. Schools also have unique needs, considerations and challenges regarding safety and security, underscoring the importance of a collaborative, holistic and actionable approach.

The Summit aims to support the safety and security of our schools by:

- » **Fostering a nationwide dialogue** by bringing together stakeholders for exchange, discussion and connection.
- » **Facilitating action** by sharing resources, products and tools to support schools in implementing and strengthening their security postures.
- » **Equipping stakeholders with training and expertise** to apply recognized best practices and research in the context of their specific communities, venues and schools.

Thank you for attending the 2024 National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security.

The following guide includes resources to assist you in enhancing school safety and security in your community. It contains resources and programs that speakers referenced during the Summit as well as additional information on federal and nongovernmental products, guidance and tools.

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Emergency Planning and Safety

Anonymized Threat Response Guidance: A Reference Guide for K-12 Schools

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This guide provides streamlined information for K-12 stakeholders to understand and utilize some of the best practices for addressing anonymous threats detailed in the “Anonymized Threat Response Guidance: A Toolkit for K-12 Schools.”

Resource Link: [Anonymized Threat Response Guidance: A Reference Guide for K-12 Schools](#)

Anonymized Threat Response Guidance: A Toolkit for K-12 Schools

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This toolkit provides best practices for K-12 schools to identify and implement scalable response solutions to threats originating on, or submitted via, anonymized platforms and mediums.

Resource Link: [Anonymized Threat Response Guidance: A Toolkit for K-12 Schools](#)

Bomb Threat Guide

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice

This guide provides awareness and guidance in preparing for and reacting to a bomb threat. It assists decision makers with assessment of and response to received bomb threats.

Resource Link: [Bomb Threat Guide](#)

Building Blocks to School Safety: A Toolkit for Schools and Districts for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This toolkit provides information on the fundamentals of school safety, security, emergency management and preparedness for school administrators, law enforcement and state officials.

Resource Link: [Building Blocks to School Safety: A Toolkit for Schools and Districts for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans](#)

Child and Adolescent Health Emergency Planning Toolkit: Guidance for Addressing the Needs of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This toolkit provides information to address the needs of children and youth with special health care needs in emergency preparedness, response, recovery, mitigation and community resilience activities.

Resource Link: [Child and Adolescent Health Emergency Planning Toolkit: Guidance for Addressing the Needs of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs](#)

Collaborating With K-12 Administrators: Engaging Leadership in School Emergency Operations Plans

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This fact sheet provides school and school district staff, teachers and school safety leaders with information and strategies to engage administrators in emergency management planning to develop, implement and maintain comprehensive school emergency operations plans.

Resource Link: [Collaborating With K-12 Administrators: Engaging Leadership in School Emergency Operations Plans](#)

Creating, Practicing and Implementing Plans for Family Reunification Before, During and After an Emergency

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This webpage provides resources to help schools create a family reunification annex as a part of a school emergency operations plan to detail actions that can help ensure students are reunited with their families following an emergency.

Resource Link: [Creating, Practicing, and Implementing Plans for Family Reunification Before, During and After an Emergency](#)

Developing Memoranda of Understanding for Enhancing Emergency Preparedness in the School Setting

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This online course helps K-12 schools and school districts understand memoranda of understanding and how they can help strengthen school emergency operations plans.

Resource Link: [Developing Memoranda of Understanding for Enhancing Emergency Preparedness in the School Setting](#)

Emergency Action Plan Guide, Active Shooter

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This guide can help organizations document initial steps toward creating an active shooter preparedness plan.

Resource Link: [Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Guide](#)

Emergency Action Plan Template, Active Shooter

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This template can help organizations prepare their personnel for active shooter scenarios. It documents basic information recommended for an effective emergency action plan.

Resource Link: [Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Template](#)

Emergency Action Plan Video, Active Shooter

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This video describes the fundamental concepts of developing an emergency action plan for an active shooter scenario. It guides viewers through important considerations of emergency action plan development utilizing the first-hand perspectives of active shooter survivors, first responder personnel and other subject matter experts.

Resource Link: [Active Shooter Emergency Action Plan Video](#)

Emergency Exercises: An Effective Way to Practice and Validate Emergency Operations Plans

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This fact sheet provides information on the types and benefits of emergency exercises, developing an effective emergency exercise program, post-exercise evaluations, obtaining stakeholder buy-in and resources for emergency exercises.

Resource Link: [Emergency Exercises: An Effective Way to Practice and Validate Emergency Operations Plans](#)

Emergency Planning Strategies and Resources

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief provides information, strategies and resources to support K-12 emergency planning efforts. It includes specific information on developing a school emergency operations plan, conducting training and exercises, and planning for recovery.

Resource Link: [Emergency Planning Strategies and Resources](#)

Emergency Preparedness and School Safety

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This infographic outlines how schools can take a comprehensive approach to emergency planning by using the five preparedness mission areas.

Resource Link: [Emergency Preparedness and School Safety](#)

EOP Interactive Tools

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This suite of tools can help K-12 practitioners develop and revise emergency operations plans and align emergency planning practices with those at the national, state and local levels.

Resource Link: [EOP Interactive Tools](#)

Especially Safe: An Inclusive Approach to Safety Preparedness in Educational Settings: Planning and Preparation Guide

Safe and Sound Schools

This guide helps safety planning teams identify resources, develop strategies and solve challenges to meet the diverse safety needs of all stakeholders within the educational community.

Especially Safe: An Inclusive Approach to Safety Preparedness in Educational Settings: Teaching and Training Guide

Safe and Sound Schools

This guide provides an instructional framework to support educators in teaching essential concepts of safety preparedness to students and individuals with special needs, as well as key considerations for conducting subsequent training activities, such as emergency drills and exercises, safely and effectively.

Resource Link: [Especially Safe: An Inclusive Approach to Safety Preparedness in Educational Settings: Teaching and Training Guide](#)

Families and Caregivers as Partners in School Emergency Management

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This fact sheet provides strategies for forming partnerships and communicating with families and guardians and for including them in efforts to develop, enhance and maintain high-quality school emergency operations plans.

Resource Link: [Families and Caregivers as Partners in School Emergency Management](#)

Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans

U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of Justice

This guide provides information to school administrators on school emergency management planning. It includes a process for developing, implementing and refining a school emergency operations plan with community partners.

Resource Link: [Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans](#)

Inclusive Emergency Planning: Strategies and Resources

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief provides information, strategies and resources to support inclusive and comprehensive school emergency planning. It includes specific information on the value of training, exercises and drills and planning for individuals with access and functional needs.

Resource Link: [Inclusive Emergency Planning: Strategies and Resources](#)

Integrating K-12 Students with Disabilities into School Emergency Management Planning

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This fact sheet provides guidance on taking an inclusive and equitable approach to emergency management planning by considering and including the needs of students with disabilities.

Resource Link: [Integrating K-12 Students with Disabilities into School Emergency Management Planning](#)

Integrating Neurodivergent K-12 Students and Staff into School Emergency Management Planning

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This fact sheet provides core planning teams with suggestions for developing emergency operations plans that consider the needs of their neurodivergent population.

Resource Link: [Integrating Neurodivergent K-12 Students and Staff into School Emergency Management Planning](#)

K-12 School Planning and Response Teams: Developing and Enhancing the School Emergency Operations Plan

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This checklist summarizes key elements to help school personnel and community partners develop or refresh a school emergency operations plan.

Resource Link: [K-12 School Planning and Response Teams: Developing and Enhancing the School Emergency Operations Plan](#)

Multihazard Emergency Planning for Schools

Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This resource suite is designed to help schools and districts conduct training, plan and prepare for a wide range of hazards including public health emergencies, natural disasters and school violence.

Resource Link: [Multihazard Emergency Planning for Schools](#)

Online Courses for Emergency Planning

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

These online courses guide users on federally recommended information and processes for high-quality emergency operations plan development and related topics in comprehensive emergency management.

Resource Link: [Online Courses](#)

Planning to Recover from Emergencies at Districts and Schools

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This recorded webinar explains how K-12 schools and districts can plan to recover from emergency events and be ready for a range of threats and hazards.

Resource Link: [Planning to Recover from Emergencies at Districts and Schools](#)

Preparing for Emergencies: What K-12 School Staff Need to Know

Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This course provides school staff with knowledge, skills and tools to prepare for before, during and after a school emergency.

Resource Link: [FEMA Training – Preparing for Emergencies: What School Staff Need to Know](#)

Preparing for Mass Casualty Incidents: A Guide for Schools, Higher Education and Houses of Worship

Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This course provides practices and resources to assist elementary and secondary schools, institutions of higher education and houses of worship in developing emergency plans for preparing for, responding to and recovering from mass casualty incidents.

Resource Link: [Preparing for Mass Casualty Incidents: A Guide for Schools, Higher Education and Houses of Worship](#)

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center

U.S. Department of Education

This technical assistance center builds the preparedness capacity (including prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery efforts) of schools, school districts, institutions of higher education and their community partners at the local, state and federal levels. The center also disseminates emergency management-related information and resources to schools, school districts and institutions of higher education.

Resource Link: [Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center](#)

Ready Campaign

Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This public service campaign is designed to educate and empower the American people to prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies and disasters.

Resource Link: [Ready.gov](#)

The Role of Districts in Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans

U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of Justice

This guide provides information that can assist school districts in fulfilling both their individual and shared emergency planning responsibilities.

Resource Link: [The Role of Districts in Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans](#)

Safe and Supportive Schools: 20 Questions Every Parent Should Ask

National PTA

This resource provides a list of questions to help parents and guardians have a conversation with school principals about school safety policies and procedures; preventative resources for students, families and school personnel; and what type of communication channels are in place for families and students.

Resource Link: [Safe and Supportive Schools: 20 Questions Every Parent Should Ask](#)

Sample School Emergency Operations Plan

Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This document outlines a sample school emergency operations plan and is intended to be used for training purposes.

Resource Link: [Sample School Emergency Operations Plan](#)

School District Planning and Response Teams: Developing and Enhancing the School Emergency Operations Plan

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This checklist summarizes key elements that can help district level core planning teams, with their school-specific teams and community partners, develop or enhance a school emergency operations plan.

Resource Link: [School District Planning and Response Teams: Developing and Enhancing the School Emergency Operations Plan](#)

School Preparedness: Before, During and After School Emergencies

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This webpage provides information, strategies and resources to help K-12 school administrators and staff know what to do before, during and after emergencies.

Resource Link: [School Preparedness: Before, During, and After School Emergencies](#)

School Safety Communications Planning Guide

National Center on School Safety, U.S. Department of Justice

This guide is intended to help school leaders strategize sharing school safety-related initiatives and news with their networks.

Resource Link: [School Safety Communications Planning Guide](#)

Social Media Threat Guidance for School Staff and Authorities Infographic

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This infographic highlights social media threats affecting school districts in the United States, provides mitigation and response measures for social media threats directed at school districts, and connects school safety stakeholders to a suite of tools and resources available to promote a culture of readiness and preparedness.

Resource Link: [Social Media Threat Guidance for School Staff and Authorities Infographic](#)

Straight-A Safety Toolkits

Safe and Sound Schools

These toolkits can help schools assess, act and audit school safety efforts and include insights and practical guidance, conversation starters, prompts for discussion and activities.

Resource Link: [Straight-A Safety Toolkits](#)

Student Tools for Emergency Planning

U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency

This modular emergency preparedness curriculum, geared for students in fourth grade and above, teaches students about disasters and guides them on how to create emergency kits and family communication plans. The program includes activities that can be used in settings both inside and outside of school.

Resource Link: [Student Tools for Emergency Planning](#)

Tabletop Exercise Packages

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

These resources are designed to assist stakeholders in conducting their own exercises. Partners can use these packages to initiate discussions within their organizations about their ability to address a variety of threat scenarios.

Resource Link: [Tabletop Exercise Packages](#)

Supporting Student Mental Wellness

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This program offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing a suicidal, substance use and/or mental health crisis or emotional distress. The corresponding webpage provides additional resources and information for strengthening suicide prevention and mental health crisis services.

Resource Link: [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#)

Advancing Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems: Guidance from the Field

National Center for School Mental Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This resource synthesizes knowledge and guidance and serves as a foundational document in the field to help guide local, state and national efforts to strengthen school mental health efforts and to understand and bring consensus to the quality domains of school mental health.

Resource Link: [Advancing Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems](#)

Classroom WISE

Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This training package assists K-12 educators and school staff in supporting the mental health of students in the classroom and offers evidence-based strategies and skills to engage and support students experiencing adversity and distress. The package includes a self-paced online course, video library, resource collection and website for K-12 educators on mental health literacy.

Resource Link: [Classroom WISE](#)

Columbia Protocol

The Columbia Lighthouse Project

This tool, also known as the Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS), supports suicide risk screening through a series of simple, plain-language questions. The answers to the C-SSRS help users identify whether someone is at risk for suicide, determine the severity and immediacy of that risk, and gauge the level of support that the person needs.

Resource Link: [Columbia Protocol](#)

Creating, Supporting and Sustaining Trauma-Informed Schools: A System Framework

National Child Traumatic Stress Network, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This framework presents a tiered approach to creating a trauma-informed school environment that addresses the needs of all students, staff, administrators and families who might be at risk for experiencing the symptoms of traumatic stress.

Resource Link: [Creating, Supporting, and Sustaining Trauma-Informed Schools: A System Framework](#)

Creating Trauma-Informed Schools

National Child Traumatic Stress Network, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This webpage features tools and materials to help educators, school staff and administrators understand and respond to the specific needs of traumatized children in a school setting.

Resource Link: [Creating Trauma-Informed Schools](#)

Effective School-Community Partnerships to Support School Mental Health

National Association of School Psychologists and National Center for School Mental Health

This document provides an overview of the key elements of school-community partnerships and specific action steps for states, districts and communities to foster effective collaboration between schools and community health and behavioral health partners.

Resource Link: [Effective School-Community Partnerships to Support School Mental Health](#)

Enough Is Enough

Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools

This program focuses on educating students and their families about gun violence and mental health and how the community can work together to help curb these issues.

Resource Link: [Enough Is Enough](#)

Get Smart about Drugs: A DEA Resource for Parents, Educators and Caregivers

Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice

This website educates educators, parents and caregivers about the dangers of legal and illegal drugs.

Resource Link: [Get Smart about Drugs: A DEA Resource for Parents, Educators and Caregivers](#)

Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This assessment tool can help schools and school districts conduct a clear, complete and consistent analysis of health education curricula based on the National Health Education Standards and characteristics of an effective health education curriculum.

Resource Link: [Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool: Mental and Emotional Health Curriculum](#)

How to Talk About Mental Health: For Educators

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This webpage provides general information for educators on student mental health, including what to look for in student behavior and ways to support students and their families.

Resource Link: [How to Talk About Mental Health: For Educators](#)

Keeping Youth Drug Free

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This guide offers advice for parents on how to prevent youth substance use. It includes facts about substances and tips for establishing and maintaining good communication with children and adolescents.

Resource Link: [Keeping Youth Drug Free](#)

Managing Mental Wellness: Tools for Yourself, Your Students and Your Classroom

Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium

This toolkit, designed for teachers, offers strategies to manage mental wellness, methods to support students' social-emotional learning and well-being, and step-by-step tools to respond to students in times of crisis.

Resource Link: [Managing Mental Wellness: Tools for Yourself, Your Students, and Your Classroom](#)

Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention for LGBTQIA2S+ Youth

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This series of guides can help professionals, families and communities support the mental well-being of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual and Two-Spirit (LGBTQIA2S+) youth. The series includes a resource guide and four companion focus guides designed for specific populations.

Resource Link: [Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention for LGBTQIA2S+ Youth](#)

Mental Health Resources

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief provides information, strategies and resources for schools and school districts to support student mental health and well-being.

Resource Link: [Mental Health Resources](#)

National Center for School Mental Health

National Center for School Mental Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This technical assistance and training center provides resources, webinars, trainings and more to strengthen school mental health policies and programs.

Resource Link: [National Center for School Mental Health](#)

Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences Training: Educator Module

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This online training is designed to help education professionals and adults who work in schools and learning environments across K-12 levels understand, recognize and prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences.

Resource Link: [Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences Training: Educator Module](#)

Promoting Mental Health and Well-Being in Schools: An Action Guide for School and District Leaders

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This guide describes six in-school strategies to promote and support mental health and well-being. It includes aligned approaches, or specific ways to put each strategy into action, as well as examples of evidence-based policies, programs and practices.

Resource Link: [Promoting Mental Health and Well-Being in Schools](#)

Protecting Youth Mental Health

U.S. Surgeon General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This advisory offers recommendations for supporting the mental health of children, adolescents and young adults, including essential recommendations and strategies for schools.

Resource Link: [Protecting Youth Mental Health](#)

School and Campus Health

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This webpage provides information and resources to assist efforts to promote mental health and substance use prevention in schools and on campuses and to provide safe learning environments.

Resource Link: [School and Campus Health](#)

School Connectedness Helps Students Thrive

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This webpage describes school connectedness, the benefits of school connectedness, and the ways schools can take action to promote school connectedness.

Resource Link: [School Connectedness Helps Students Thrive](#)

School Health Assessment and Performance Evaluation System

National Center for School Mental Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This web-based platform offers schools, districts, states and territories a workspace and targeted resources to support school mental health quality improvement.

Resource Link: [School Health Assessment and Performance Evaluation System](#)

Smart Talk: Cannabis Prevention and Awareness Curriculum

Stanford School of Medicine

This curriculum includes five lessons aimed at addressing key factors associated with youth cannabis use, including changing adolescents' attitudes towards and misperceptions about cannabis, increasing their refusal skills to marketing and social media, improving coping skills, and decreasing intentions and actual use of cannabis products.

Resource Link: [Smart Talk: Cannabis Prevention and Awareness Curriculum](#)

Strategies and Resources to Support Trauma-Informed Schools

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief describes the impact of trauma on children and offers strategies and resources to build and maintain trauma-informed schools that promote student well-being and safe, supportive learning environments.

Resource Link: [Strategies and Resources to Support Trauma-Informed Schools](#)

Supporting Child and Student Social, Emotional, Behavioral, and Mental Health Needs

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education

This guide provides information and resources to enhance the promotion of mental health and social and emotional well-being among students. It highlights seven key challenges to providing school- or program-based mental health support across early childhood, K-12 schools and higher education settings, and presents seven corresponding recommendations.

Resource Link: [Supporting Child and Student Social, Emotional, Behavioral, and Mental Health Needs](#)

Supporting Mental Health via Technology

Office of Safe and Supportive Schools, U.S. Department of Education

This information sheet reviews the value of focusing on mental health in schools with an emphasis on leveraging technology. It highlights practical recommendations schools and districts can use to support their efforts to promote mental health strategies and skills, including links to resources for planning and implementation.

Resource Link: [Supporting Mental Health via Technology](#)

Talk. They Hear You.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This campaign aims to reduce underage drinking and other substance use among youth under the age of 21 by providing parents, caregivers, educators and community members with information and resources they need to address these issues with children.

Resource Link: [Talk. They Hear You.](#)

Toolkit for Schools: Engaging Parents to Support Student Mental Health and Emotional Well-being

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This toolkit is designed to help education leaders and schools raise parent awareness about school connectedness and its role in supporting student mental health and emotional well-being, and why family engagement both in and out of school is important. It includes sample social media posts, social media graphics and newsletter text.

Resource Link: [Toolkit for Schools: Engaging Parents to Support Student Mental Health and Emotional Well-being](#)

Trauma-Informed, Resilience-Oriented Schools Toolkit

National Center for School Safety, U.S. Department of Justice

This toolkit outlines a framework for implementing trauma-informed, resilience-oriented approaches in any school or school district. It includes a variety of materials to explain the concepts of trauma and toxic stress; offers individual and school-wide strategies for addressing trauma and fostering resilience for students, staff and families; and provides strategies to assess the impact of these adaptations throughout the school community.

Resource Link: [Trauma-Informed, Resilience-Oriented Schools Toolkit](#)

Trauma-Sensitive Schools Training Package

National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments, U.S. Department of Education

This resource package offers school and district administrators and staff a framework and roadmap for creating trauma-informed schools. It includes a variety of resources for educating school staff about trauma and trauma-informed practices and for providing school leaders with a step-by-step process for implementing a universal, trauma-informed approach.

Resource Link: [Trauma-Sensitive Schools Training Package](#)

Online Safety Practices for Youth

Childhood Smart

U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This program educates parents, trusted adults, children and the community about real-world safety issues to increase awareness of internet safety. It provides educational and interactive sessions on topics such as child sexual abuse material, online enticement, child sexual exploitation, child abduction and child sex trafficking.

Resource Link: [Childhood Smart](#)

Child Exploitation Resources

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief provides information and resources to support schools in preventing, identifying and responding to child exploitation.

Resource Link: [Child Exploitation Resources](#)

Cyber Safety for K-12 Schools and School Districts

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Education

This webpage includes information on the most common online threats students face and describes how school and school district administrators can prepare for and respond to online threats.

Resource Link: [Cyber Safety Considerations for K-12 Schools and School Districts](#)

CyberTipline Report

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

This tip line is the nation's centralized reporting system for the potential or suspected online exploitation of children. Members of the public and electronic service providers can make reports of child sexual exploitation by submitting an online form or by calling 1-800-THE-LOST.

Resource Link: [CyberTipline Report](#)

Keeping Children Safe Online

U.S. Department of Justice

This webpage offers tips, videos and resources to help parents, guardians, caregivers and teachers protect children from becoming victims of online child predators.

Resource Link: [Keeping Children Safe Online](#)

Know2Protect

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This campaign educates and empowers young people, parents and trusted adults on ways to prevent and combat exploitation and abuse both on and offline, explains how to report incidents of these crimes, and offers support resources for victims and survivors of online child sexual exploitation and abuse.

Resource Link: [Know2Protect](#)

NETSMARTZ

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

This program provides age-appropriate videos and activities to help teach children to be safer online with the goal of helping children to become more aware of potential online risks and empowering them to help prevent victimization by making safer choices on- and offline.

Resource Link: [NETSMARTZ](#)

Online Health and Safety for Children and Youth: Best Practices for Families and Guidance for Industry

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This report summarizes the risks and benefits of social media on the health, safety and privacy of young people. It includes best practices for parents and caregivers, recommended industry practices, a research agenda and suggested future actions.

Resource Link: [Online Health and Safety for Children and Youth: Best Practices for Families and Guidance for Industry](#)

Online Safety Resources

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief provides information on online safety threats; specific strategies for parents and guardians, school communities and youth; and resources to support schools and families in preventing and protecting against digital risks.

Resource Link: [Online Safety Resources](#)

Project iGuardian

Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This program offers presentations designed to inform children, teens, parents and trusted adults on the threat of online child sexual exploitation and abuse, how to implement preventive strategies and how to report suspected abuse to law enforcement.

Resource Link: [Project iGuardian](#)

Protecting Kids Online

Federal Trade Commission

This webpage offers information and resources on how to talk to children about being online and how to help them make good decisions to stay safe.

Resource Link: [Protecting Kids Online](#)

PTA Connected

National PTA

This program strives to help children act safely, responsibly and thoughtfully online. It provides information to parents on digital parenting and digital safety topics, exploring current issues and connecting parents with tools, research and supports to make the best decisions for their children.

Resource Link: [PTA Connected](#)

Raising Digitally Responsible Youth - A Parent's Guide

Safer Schools Together

This guide for parents and caregivers introduces the major social media platforms, video games and relevant trends that are either being used already or have the potential to be used by children.

Resource Link: [Raising Digitally Responsible Youth - A Parent's Guide](#)

Safe Online Surfing

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice

This educational program helps children learn about online safety and digital citizenship. It includes interactive games that cover topics such as cyberbullying, online threats and digital etiquette.

Resource Link: [Safe Online Surfing](#)

Safety for All

San Diego Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and SafetyNet®

This video provides information on how the San Diego Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and San Diego Police Foundation's SafetyNet® program help families be less vulnerable to internet threats. It features information from experts who investigate, prosecute and develop effective responses to internet crimes against children.

Resource Link: [Safety for All](#)

SafetyNet: Smart Cyber Choices®

SafetyNet®, San Diego Police Foundation and San Diego Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

This initiative is designed to help kids, parents, educators and concerned adults learn how to keep kids safe online. It includes information about cyberbullying, social media, privacy and hackers and scammers, as well as programs on the responsible and ethical use of cyber technology.

Resource Link: [SafetyNet: Smart Cyber Choices®](#)

Sextortion

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This webpage provides information about what sextortion is and what parents can do to help prevent and stop it.

Resource Link: [Sextortion](#)

Take It Down

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

This free service can help remove or stop the online sharing of nude, partially nude or sexually explicit images or videos taken of youth when they were under 18 years old.

Resource Link: [Take It Down](#)

Understanding and Preventing Youth Violence

Addressing the Risk of Violent Behavior in Youth

National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments, U.S. Department of Education

This presentation helps teachers and school personnel identify common risk factors and warning signs associated with violent behavior as well as strategies to effectively respond to situations of concern.

Resource Link: [Addressing the Risk of Violent Behavior in Youth](#)

Averting Targeted School Violence: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Plots Against Schools

U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This study examines 67 disrupted plots against K-12 schools and highlights the importance of proactive reporting and intervention.

Resource Link: [Averting Targeted School Violence: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Plots Against Schools](#)

Community Violence Prevention Resource for Action: A Compilation of the Best Available Evidence for Youth and Young Adults

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This resource provides information that communities can use to begin new efforts or expand existing efforts to reduce violence and associated risk factors. The approaches in this resource, particularly universal school-based programs that strengthen youths' skills and modify the physical and social environment, can help schools reduce key risk factors associated with violence.

Resource Link: [Community Violence Prevention: Resources for Action](#)

Enhancing Behavioral Threat Assessment and Case Management Capabilities Through a Public Health-Informed Approach

Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This resource outlines how behavioral threat assessment and case management models may benefit by adopting a public health-informed approach to targeted violence and terrorism prevention and summarizes emerging practices in case management techniques to build practitioner capacity at all levels of violence prevention.

Resource Link: [Enhancing Behavioral Threat Assessment and Case Management Capabilities Through a Public Health Informed Approach](#)

Improving School Safety Through Bystander Reporting: A Toolkit for Strengthening K-12 Reporting Programs

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This toolkit offers simple strategies and guidance K-12 schools and school districts can use to implement and enhance safety reporting programs and encourage bystander reporting among students and other members of the school community.

Resource Link: [Improving School Safety Through Bystander Reporting: A Toolkit for Strengthening K-12 Reporting Programs](#)

Invent2Prevent

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This experiential learning program challenges high school and college students to design and implement creative solutions to prevent targeted violence, hate or terrorism in their communities.

Resource Link: [Invent2Prevent](#)

National Threat Evaluation and Reporting Program

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This program works collaboratively with federal, state, local, tribal, territorial and private sector partners to build capacity to recognize the warning signs of terrorism and targeted violence, triage suspicious activity reporting, and address threatening or concerning behaviors before an individual escalates to violence.

Resource Link: [National Threat Evaluation and Reporting Program Office](#)

Physical Security Resources

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief provides information and resources school communities can use to enhance physical security.

Resource Link: [Physical Security Resources](#)

PREPaRE Training Curriculum

National Association of School Psychologists

This curriculum trains school-employed mental health professionals and other educators on how to best fill the roles and responsibilities generated by their membership on school crisis response teams.

Resource Link: [PREPaRE Training Curriculum](#)

Preventing and Responding to Bias and Hate Incidents in K-12 Educational Settings: A Toolkit for School and Community Leaders

Community Relations Service, U.S. Department of Justice

This toolkit provides school and community leaders with information and strategies to create safe and inclusive learning environments free of harassment and discrimination. It includes best practices to facilitate difficult conversations and equip schools to prepare for, mitigate and respond to bias and hate incidents.

Resource Link: [Preventing and Responding to Bias and Hate Incidents in K-12 Educational Settings: A Toolkit for School and Community Leaders](#)

Safe and Sound Student Club Program Kit

Safe and Sound Schools

This kit provides service project ideas and guidance to help students explore school safety ideas, organize a Safe and Sound Student Club and implement actionable school safety service projects in their community.

Resource Link: [Safe and Sound Student Club](#)

Safe Storage of Firearms

U.S. Department of Justice

This guide provides information on different types of storage devices and best practices for safely storing firearms.

Resource Link: [Safe Storage of Firearms](#)

School Safety and Reporting Resources

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief provides information, strategies and resources to enhance student and school safety through reporting programs.

Resource Link: [School Safety and Reporting Resources](#)

School Violence Prevention: Tips for Parents and Educators

National Association of School Psychologists

This webpage offers tips for parents and educators on speaking to children about school violence. It provides information on what to say, suggested key points and age-appropriate conversation guidelines.

Resource Link: [School Violence Prevention: Tips for Parents and Educators](#)

Strategies for De-Escalating Student Behavior in the Classroom

Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports, U.S. Department of Education

This practice brief provides strategies educators can use to de-escalate challenging student behavior in the classroom.

Resource Link: [Strategies for De-Escalating Student Behavior in the Classroom](#)

Students Against Violence Everywhere Promise Clubs

Sandy Hook Promise

This program empowers young leaders to take an active role in increasing school safety and preventing different forms of violence in schools and communities. Each club receives curated resources to plan events, activities and projects to ensure safe schools.

Resource Link: [Students Against Violence Everywhere Promise Club](#)

Targeted Violence Prevention Resources

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief provides information, strategies and resources to help schools and school districts address the threat of targeted violence. It includes specific information on fostering a positive school climate, intervening to lessen harms and prevent future risk, and implementing physical safety and security measures.

Resource Link: [Targeted Violence Prevention Resources](#)

VetoViolence: Preventing Youth Violence

U.S. Centers on Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This webpage provides information, data and resources to support youth violence prevention efforts.

Resource Link: [VetoViolence: Preventing Youth Violence](#)

Violence Prevention: Resources for Action

U.S. Centers on Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

These resources were developed to help states and communities take advantage of the best available evidence to prevent or reduce violence. Each resource can guide and inform prevention decision-making efforts and include topics such as preventing Adverse Child Experiences, child abuse and neglect, suicide, youth violence, sexual violence and intimate partner violence.

Resource Link: [Violence Prevention: Resources for Action](#)

Youth Violence Prevention Resources

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief provides an overview of youth violence and includes a listing of resources, programs and tools school communities can use to prevent and reduce youth violence.

Resource Link: [Youth Violence Prevention Resources](#)

Intervention Strategies to Support Students

Center on Multi-Tiered System of Supports

American Institutes for Research

This center supports states, districts and schools in implementing a Multi-Tiered System of Supports framework that integrates data and instruction within a multi-level prevention system to maximize student achievement and support students' social, emotional and behavior needs from a strengths-based perspective.

Resource Link: [Center on Multi-Tiered System of Support](#)

Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment in Our Nation's Classrooms

National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments, U.S. Department of Education

This training is designed to support classroom teachers, other educators and support personnel to reduce instances of bullying behavior and to build a supportive classroom climate in which bullying is less likely to occur.

Resource Link: [Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment in Our Nation's Classrooms](#)

Creating and Sustaining Discipline Policies That Support Students' Social, Emotional, Behavioral and Academic Well-Being and Success: Strategies for School and District Leaders

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education and Office of Safe and Supportive Schools Technical Assistance Centers, U.S. Department of Education

This fact sheet discusses approaches to create effective, evidence-based school discipline policies with a focus on responsive rather than punishment-based discipline practices. The fact sheet includes steps and resources to help school administrators and leaders examine the rationale driving existing discipline policies and to include students and community members in the conversation to develop revised approaches.

Resource Link: [Creating and Sustaining Discipline Policies That Support Students' Social, Emotional, Behavioral and Academic Well-Being and Success: Strategies for School and District Leaders](#)

Guiding Principles for Creating Safe, Inclusive, Supportive and Fair School Climates

U.S. Department of Education

This resource provides guidance on how to maintain safe, inclusive, supportive and fair learning environments for students and school staff and includes specific recommendations for evidence-based practices to give students what they need to learn and grow. It identifies five guiding principles; suggests actions schools and school districts can take to create inclusive, safe, supportive and fair learning environments; and lists federal resources to support these efforts.

Resource Link: [Guiding Principles for Creating Safe, Inclusive, Supportive and Fair School Climate](#)

Implementing MTSS in Secondary Schools: Challenges and Strategies

National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments, U.S. Department of Education

This resource provides information about practical strategies to help secondary schools implement a Multi-Tiered System of Supports with an academic focus.

Resource Link: [Implementing MTSS in Secondary Schools: Challenges and Strategies](#)

Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence

U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This guide provides actionable steps schools can take to develop comprehensive targeted violence prevention plans and create processes and procedures for conducting threat assessments.

Resource Link: [Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence](#)

Exploring Equity Issues: Introduction to Restorative Practices: An Equitable Approach

Mid-Atlantic Equity Consortium

This guide provides an overview of the restorative practices approach and offers recommendations and resources to help schools adopt equity-based restorative practices to build relationships and resolve conflict.

Resource Link: [Exploring Equity Issues: Introduction to Restorative Practices: An Equitable Approach](#)

Fostering Belonging, Transforming Schools: The Impact of Restorative Practices

Learning Policy Institute

This report details the research on the effectiveness and impact of restorative practices as an alternative means of addressing school discipline.

Resource Link: [Fostering Belonging, Transforming Schools: The Impact of Restorative Practices](#)

Improving Student Outcomes Through Restorative Practices

Learning Policy Institute

This fact sheet provides a streamlined overview for K-12 stakeholders to understand the research on the effectiveness and impact of restorative practices as an alternative means of addressing school discipline that are detailed in the “Fostering Belonging, Transforming Schools: The Impact of Restorative Practices” report.

Resource Link: [Improving Student Outcomes Through Restorative Practices](#)

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and the Importance of Promoting Student Well-being

Regional Educational Laboratory Program, U.S. Department of Education

This fact sheet provides an overview of using a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support framework to support schools in implementing cohesive evidence-based programs and practices which promote student well-being.

Resource Link: [Multi-Tiered Systems of Support and the Importance of Promoting Student Well-being](#)

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports, U.S. Department of Education

This center supports schools, districts and states to build systems capacity for implementing a multi-tiered approach to social, emotional and behavior support.

Resource Link: [Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports: Technical Assistance Center](#)

Restorative Practices at a Glance

National Center for School Safety, U.S. Department of Justice

This resource provides an overview of restorative practices and outlines facts and common misunderstandings.

Resource Link: [Restorative Practices at a Glance](#)

School Climate Improvement Resource Package

National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments, U.S. Department of Education

This resource package includes a variety of items to meet a range of needs among public schools and districts interested in improving school climate. It includes a reference manual, action guides, data resources and online modules.

Resource Link: [School Climate Improvement Resource Package](#)

School Climate Resources

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief provides information, strategies and resources to help schools create a positive school climate where students feel safe, supported and welcome.

Resource Link: [School Climate Resources](#)

School Climate Surveys

National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments, U.S. Department of Education

These surveys allow states, districts and schools to collect and act on reliable, nationally validated school climate data in real-time.

Resource Link: [School Climate Surveys](#)

School Threat Assessment Toolkit

National Center for School Safety, U.S. Department of Justice

This toolkit is designed to aid schools in employing behavioral threat assessment and management as part of a comprehensive violence prevention strategy. The toolkit offers guidance on training, implementation and assessment of school threat assessment teams. It aims to ensure fidelity to student rights while providing practical tools like documents, forms, videos and additional resources to support schools' efforts.

Resource Link: [School Threat Assessment Toolkit](#)

Threat Assessment and Reporting Resources

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief provides information, strategies and resources schools can use to implement threat assessment and reporting initiatives.

Resource Link: [Threat Assessment and Reporting Resources](#)

Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This webpage provides an overview of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model, which serves as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's framework for addressing health in schools. The WSCC model emphasizes the role of the community in supporting the school, the connections between health and academic achievement and the importance of evidence-based school policies and practices.

Resource Link: [Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child](#)

K-12 Cybersecurity Best Practices

#StopRansomware Guide

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; National Security Agency; Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice; and Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center

This guide serves as a one-stop resource to help organizations, including schools, reduce the risk of ransomware incidents through best practices to detect, prevent, respond and recover, including step-by-step approaches to address potential attacks.

Resource Link: [#StopRansomware Guide](#)

Critical Security Controls Version 8

Center for Internet Security

These practices are a prioritized set of safeguards to mitigate the most prevalent cyberattacks against systems and networks. They are mapped to and referenced by legal, regulatory and policy frameworks.

Resource Link: [Critical Security Controls Version 8](#)

Cyber Essentials Toolkit Chapter 5: Your Data - Make Backups and Avoid the Loss of Information Critical to Operations

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This resource provides information to help organizations ensure their data is secure and recoverable. It covers topics such as learning what information resides on a network, domain name system protection, leveraging malware protection capabilities, establishing regular automated backups and redundancies of key systems, and leveraging protections for backups.

Resource Link: [Cyber Essentials Toolkit Chapter 5: Your Data](#)

Cyber Security Advisors

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

These field personnel offer cybersecurity assistance to critical infrastructure owners and operators, including K-12 schools and school districts. They can provide information on various cybersecurity products, services and resources and act as liaisons to cyber programs. These advisors can also provide cyber preparedness assessments and protective resources, working group support, leadership, partnership in public-private development, and coordination and support in times of cyber threat, disruption or attack.

Resource Link: [Cyber Security Advisors](#)

Cyber Security Evaluation Tool

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This desktop software tool provides a systematic, disciplined and repeatable approach for evaluating an organization's security posture. It guides asset owners and operators through a step-by-step process to evaluate industrial control system and information technology network security practices.

Resource Link: [Cyber Security Evaluation Tool](#)

Cybersecurity Action Steps

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This infographic outlines four action steps school communities can take to reduce their cybersecurity risk posture.

Resource Link: [Cybersecurity Action Steps](#)

Cybersecurity and Incident Response Webinar

U.S. Department of Education

This recorded webinar provides best practices for schools and districts looking to build or enhance their cyber incident response capabilities. It covers the importance of cyber incident response, an overview of cybersecurity best practices such as user training and risk assessments, and critical success factors for creating an effective cyber incident response team.

Resource Link: [Cybersecurity and Incident Response Webinar](#)

Cybersecurity Best Practices for Schools and Districts

U.S. Department of Education

This video describes steps education agencies, schools and school districts can take to strengthen systems, people and processes to reduce the risk of cyberattacks to critical systems and data.

Resource Link: [Cybersecurity Best Practices for Schools and Districts](#)

Cybersecurity Resources

SchoolSafety.gov, Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Evidence-based Practices

This issue brief provides information, strategies and resources to help K-12 schools and school districts minimize exposure to cyberattacks and build secure and resilient systems.

Resource Link: [Cybersecurity Resources](#)

Data Breach Scenario Trainings

U.S. Department of Education

This series of packaged trainings is designed to help educational organizations conduct internal staff development on data breaches. It includes ready-to-use resources and materials for several different scenarios.

Resource Link: [Data Breach Scenario Trainings](#)

Data Security Checklist

U.S. Department of Education

This checklist outlines essential components to consider when developing and maintaining data security operations and programs.

Resource Link: [Data Security Checklist](#)

Ensuring Your Digital Privacy, Interactive Resource Guide

Safer Schools Together

This resource guide provides the K-12 school community with tools and knowledge to enhance their digital privacy and safety. The guide focuses on topics such as doxing, swatting, the importance of passwords and the dangers of oversharing online.

Resource Link: [Ensuring Your Digital Privacy, Interactive Resource Guide](#)

Free Cybersecurity Services and Tools

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This webpage compiles free cybersecurity services and tools provided by the private and public sector to help organizations build and maintain a robust and resilient cyber framework and further advance their security capabilities.

Resource Link: [Free Cybersecurity Services and Tools](#)

K-12 Digital Infrastructure Brief: Adequate and Future Proof

Office of Educational Technology, U.S. Department of Education

This brief discusses connections, speeds and devices that should be designed to meet the needs of modern education with plans for financial sustainability.

Resource Link: [K-12 Digital Infrastructure Brief: Adequate and Future Proof](#)

K-12 Digital Infrastructure Brief: Privacy Enhancing, Interoperable and Useful

Office of Educational Technology, U.S. Department of Education

This brief discusses prioritizing privacy and ensuring data protection measures so that schools can build trust with stakeholders and maintain the confidentiality and integrity of sensitive student data. It includes information on the implementation of data interoperability standards to allow the seamless exchange of data between different edtech applications and systems.

Resource Link: [K-12 Digital Infrastructure Brief: Privacy Enhancing, Interoperable and Useful](#)

K-12 Education Leaders' Guide to Ransomware: Prevention, Response and Recovery Webinar

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This recorded webinar focuses on steps K-12 schools can take to prevent, respond to and recover from ransomware attacks, as well as free services that administrators can utilize to protect their schools.

Resource Link: [K-12 Education Leaders' Guide to Ransomware: Prevention, Response, and Recovery Webinar](#)

K12 SIX Essentials Series

K12 Security Information eXchange

This series establishes baseline cybersecurity standards for school districts and provides guidance and tools to support their implementation. These practices are designed to defend against the most common cyber threats facing school districts and are aligned to cybersecurity risk management best practices.

Resource Link: [The K12 SIX Essentials Series](#)

Malicious Domain Blocking and Reporting

Center for Internet Security

This protective domain name system is a cloud-based solution that uses technology to prevent IT systems from connecting to harmful web domains, helping organizations limit infections related to known malware, ransomware, phishing and other cyber threats.

Resource Link: [Malicious Domain Blocking and Reporting](#)

Multifactor Authentication

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This webpage provides information on what multifactor authentication (MFA) is, how to enable MFA and why MFA is an important action to take to protect against malicious cyber actors.

Resource Link: [Multifactor Authentication](#)

Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This organization is designed to serve as a central cybersecurity resource for state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) governments. It is a membership-based collaborative that is open to SLTT entities of all types, including SLTT government agencies, law enforcement, educational institutions, public utilities and transportation authorities.

Resource Link: [Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center](#)

Nationwide Cybersecurity Review

Center for Internet Security

This tool is a no-cost, anonymous and annual self-assessment designed to measure gaps and capabilities of state, local, tribal and territorial governments' cybersecurity programs.

Resource Link: [Nationwide Cybersecurity Review](#)

NIST Cybersecurity Framework Resources Alignment for K-12

The Consortium for School Networking

This webpage aligns a variety of resources with the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework, which provides a structured approach for organizations to protect their digital assets. Schools and districts can use the page to find resources to build and expand their cybersecurity programs, fortify their cyber defenses and better safeguard against evolving digital threats.

Resource Link: [NIST Cybersecurity Framework Resources Alignment for K-12](#)

Phishing Guidance: Stopping the Attack Cycle at Phase One

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; National Security Agency; Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice; and Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center

This guide outlines phishing techniques malicious actors commonly use and provides guidance for both network defenders and software manufacturers. It is designed to help reduce the impact of phishing attacks in obtaining credentials and deploying malware.

Resource Link: [Phishing Guidance: Stopping the Attack Cycle at Phase One](#)

Planning Considerations for Cyber Incidents: Guidance for Emergency Managers

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This guide is intended to help emergency management personnel collaboratively prepare for a cyber incident and support the development of a cyber incident response plan or annex.

Resource Link: [Planning Considerations for Cyber Incidents: Guidance for Emergency Managers](#)

Protecting Our Future: Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Organizations from Cybersecurity Threats

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This report provides recommendations and resources to help K-12 schools and school districts address systemic cybersecurity risk. It also provides insight into the current threat landscape specific to the K-12 community and offers simple steps school leaders can take

to strengthen their cybersecurity efforts.

Resource Link: [Protecting Our Future: Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Organizations from Cybersecurity Threats](#)

Protecting Sensitive and Personal Information from Ransomware-Caused Data Breaches

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This fact sheet provides information for organizations to use in preventing and responding to ransomware-caused data breaches.

Resource Link: [Protecting Sensitive and Personal Information from Ransomware-Caused Data Breaches](#)

StopRansomware.gov

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; National Security Agency; Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice; and Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center

This website is a one-stop hub for ransomware resources for individuals, businesses and other organizations to help private and public organizations mitigate their ransomware risk.

Resource Link: [StopRansomware.gov](#)

Understanding Patches and Software Updates

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

This resource defines patches, such as software and operating system updates, and outlines best practices for software updates.

Resource Link: [Understanding Patches and Software Updates](#)

SchoolSafety.gov

SchoolSafety.gov is a collaborative, interagency website created by the federal government to provide schools and districts with actionable recommendations to create safe and supportive environments for students and educators. The site serves as a one-stop access point for the American public and school communities to find information, resources, guidance and evidence-based practices on a range of school safety topics. Through the site, members of the K-12 academic community can also utilize specific tools to prioritize school safety actions, find applicable resources and funding opportunities, connect with state and local school safety officials, and develop school safety plans.

School Safety Topics

On SchoolSafety.gov, the K-12 community can find the latest federal government resources, guidance and tools on a range of topics related to school safety, including:

Bullying and Cyberbullying	Emergency Planning	School Climate
Child Exploitation	Infectious Diseases and Public Health	Targeted Violence
Cybersecurity	Mental Health	Threat Assessment and Reporting

Features and Tools

Specific resources and tools available on SchoolSafety.gov include:

Grants Finder Tool

Find school safety-related federal grants in one centralized location and provides members of the K-12 school community with a variety of ways to search for and access funding opportunities.

Resource Link: [Grant Finder Tool](#)

Safety Readiness Tool

Assists users in evaluating their school's safety posture across ten elements and provides a tailored action plan with options for consideration and aligned resources and grant opportunities.

Resource Link: [Safety Readiness Tool](#)

State Search Tool

Enables schools to locate and access state-specific school safety resources, programs, contacts and opportunities.

Resource Link: [State Search Tool](#)

Resource Library

Provides a comprehensive listing of resources, guidance, training and fact sheets that can be filtered by categories such as audience, intended application and topic.

Resource Link: [Resource Library](#)

Calendar of Events

Features webinars, training sessions and conferences for school safety personnel, administrators, educators and parents.

Resource Link: [Calendar of Events](#)

Informational Virtual Training Series

Addresses emerging school safety topics and provides information on related federal government resources, tools and best practices.

Resource Link: [Information Webinar Series](#)

Communications Center

Includes a collection of issue briefs, presentations, newsletters and materials available from SchoolSafety.gov.

Resource Link: [School Safety Communications Center](#)