

State Mandates Checklist | 2025 - 2026
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Training / Drills 2	DISCRIMINATION / TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT All staff must complete training to prevent, identify, and alleviate problems of employment discrimination, as well as be educated on sexual harassment issues. The Compliance Officer/Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or any individual designated to facilitate an informal resolution process related to Title IX sexual harassment shall receive training as required or appropriate to their specific role.	ALL STAFF	Ongoing	Upon Hire	Revised Content (2020 Regulations) 9
Training / Drills 6	SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATOR All appointed coordinators shall complete the seven hours of training required under section 1316-B within one year of appointment. All appointed coordinators shall complete additional continuing education requirements as adopted by the School Safety and Security Committee.	DESIGNATED STAFF	Ongoing Ongoing	Within 1 Year of Appointment As Adopted	Revised Content 65
Training / Drills 7	CULTURAL AWARENESS Continuing professional development programs must integrate cultural awareness into the three-year plan. School entities are encouraged, but not required, to incorporate the Common Ground Framework into their professional development plans.	PROFESSIONAL STAFF	Ongoing	N/A	Revised Content 73
Training / Drills 7	EVIDENCE-BASED READING INSTRUCTION A school entity shall approve a professional development training program from a list developed by the PA Department of Education (PDE) in consultation with the council that satisfies the requirements under section 1205.8(c) for educators. Educators must complete evidence-based professional development in reading.	PROFESSIONAL STAFF	Ongoing Ongoing	No Later Than the Beginning of the 2027-2028 School Year By 2028-2029	New Section 25 and 76

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Reporting 9	<p>SAFETY AND SECURITY COORDINATOR The coordinator shall report to the school entity's board of directors an attendance report of school and building personnel present at school safety and security meetings, including yearly attendance totals.</p>	HEALTH & SAFETY	Annually	Beginning June 30, 2026	Added Content 65
Reporting 10	<p>EVIDENCE-BASED READING INSTRUCTION A school entity shall report to PDE the reading instruction curricula in use by the school entity during the 2025-2026 school year.</p> <p>A school entity shall report to PDE the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evidence-based reading instruction curricula adopted. • The number of educators who have received professional development under Section 1502-N(b)(3) and the type of professional development received. <i>(Note: Section 1502-N(b)(3) references professional development on reading screening and literacy intervention approaches.)</i> <p>A school entity must report to PDE annually the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number and percentage of students, disaggregated by grade and individual school, identified with a potential reading deficiency at the beginning of the school year, according to the first screening, along with the literacy intervention approaches provided. • The number and percentage of students, disaggregated by grade and individual school, identified as having a potential reading deficiency at the end of the school year, based on the final screening of the year. • The number of students, disaggregated by grade and by individual school, excepted from the assessment under Section 1504-N(b). • Any other information deemed necessary by the PA Secretary of Education. 	STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESS	Annually	By March 1, 2026 By July 31, 2027 Beginning July 31, 2028	Added New Section 25

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Reporting 11	REPORTS TO THE PA SECRETARY OF EDUCATION A school entity shall report to the PA Secretary of Education information related to student attendance as requested by PDE.	STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESS	As Requested	As of August 1, 2026	Added New Section 44
Policies / Plans 12	APPROVAL OF INDUCTION PLANS A school entity shall post the plan approved by its governing board on its publicly accessible website.	GENERAL	Ongoing	Upon Approval	Added Content 73
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Policies / Plans 12	STUDENT SERVICES PLAN A school entity shall post the plan approved by its governing board on its publicly accessible website.	GENERAL	Ongoing	Upon Approval	Added Content/ Moved to General Section 37
Policies / Plans 13	SAFE2SAY SOMETHING PROGRAM Each school entity shall develop a process for assessing, responding to, and disposing of reports within 30 days of receiving them, and, for a life safety event, provide a final disposition within 48 hours.	HEALTH & SAFETY	Ongoing	Ongoing	Added Content 69
Policies / Plans 14	SCHOOL MEAL NUTRITION GUIDELINES School districts shall adopt federal nutritional guidelines for food and beverages available in each school building to be eligible for reimbursement for school lunch and breakfast programs.	HEALTH & SAFETY	Ongoing	N/A	Added New Section 20
Policies / Plans 15	GIFTED EDUCATION PLAN A school entity shall post the plan approved by its governing board on its publicly accessible website.	SPECIAL EDUCATION	Ongoing	Upon Approval	Added Content 91
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