



Kid's Community College Charter Schools MSDHS Public Safety Act School Safety Plan

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, all public schools in the state are required to comply with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, Chapter 2018-3 (MSDHS Act).

Highlights of the MSDHS Act:

- The Office of Safe Schools was established within the Florida Department of Education to administer the requirements of this Act.
- School security risk assessments must be conducted using the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT).
- Emergency plans to include active shooter and hostage situations in coordination with public safety agencies must be established, identifying who will contact first responders. Plans should include periodic testing of communications systems.
- Include specific information related to mental health and threats to school safety in the code of conduct.
- Threat assessment teams must be established to consult with law enforcement when students pose a threat to school security.
- Safe school officers will be at each public school, including school resource officers, certified school safety officers, and/or school guardians.
- Mental health referrals must be disclosed during school enrollment.

Grant funds will be administered by the DOE's Office of Safe Schools to assist with fixed capital outlay costs associated with improving physical security of school buildings. Guidelines for grant submission must be published by August 31, 2018. The deadline for application submission is December 1, 2018, and grants should be awarded no later than January 15, 2019.

KCC Schools MSDHS Act Compliance

KCC Hillsborough campuses have been included in the Hillsborough County School District's plan to provide either a school resource officer or safe school officers for each campus. All Hillsborough County schools currently have a school security officer assigned to the campus. A police officer of the Ocoee Police Department has been assigned to KCC's Orange campus.

Law enforcement agency agreements for the Hillsborough and Orange County campuses provide for the alternative of having a safe school officer (instead of a law enforcement/traditional school resource officer). The safe school officer should have all of the training and background screening required by law before being assigned to

schools. KCC Schools are also included within the jurisdiction of the local school district's School Safety Specialist's as required by law.

Mental Health

Compliance with the MSDHS Act requires establishing or expanding mental health services to students. KCC schools have submitted their mental health plans to their respective districts, and training has been conducted for all professors teaching grades 5 – 12, including non-instructional staff that have direct contact with students. Students in all grade levels must undergo mental health screenings that will be administered through KCC's School Counseling Services. The mental health screenings will be used to determine a need for mental health counseling services.

Threat Assessment Teams

Each KCC School has a threat assessment team made up of campus administration, school counseling, and law enforcement personnel. This team will be deployed if there is a threat to school safety. This class of school personnel have been trained to conduct investigations, to make recommendations for discipline (if any) and to make referrals for appropriate mental health treatment.

Kid's Community Charter Schools continues to have zero tolerance for conduct or threats against school safety. All campuses will remain a safe and secure learning environment for students and working environment for its staff. All federal, state, and local requirements and deadlines will be met to ensure financial and technical support with fully implementing the MDHS Act and KCC's School Safety Plan.

Questions and concerns about KCC's school safety plans should be directed to campus directors of the respective campuses.