

New and Revised Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) Resources

Since April 2013, all public school districts and accredited private schools have been required to comply with emergency safety intervention regulations developed by the Kansas State Board of Education. These regulations are still in effect and were recently amended. In 2015, the Kansas Legislature passed statutes on emergency safety intervention, which were amended during the 2016 legislative session and went into effect on July 1, 2016. The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) and the Kansas Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) have revised the emergency safety intervention resources and developed resources to help districts fulfill their obligations under the amended law and inform staff and families of these revised requirements. Here is an overview of some of the revised resources. Please visit www.ksdetasn.org and click on Emergency Safety Interventions Resources in the menu on the left for a full list of available resources.

Emergency Safety Intervention Law - A copy of the emergency safety intervention statutes and regulations that may be used as a reference. <http://ksdetasn.org/resources/388>

Changes in Emergency Safety Intervention Law - This document is designed to provide information about and to support your school in complying with the 2016 amendments to the emergency safety intervention statutes and regulations. <http://ksdetasn.org/resources/384>

Changes to Emergency Safety Intervention Law PowerPoint - This PowerPoint may be used to train staff in the requirements associated with the emergency safety interventions statutes that were amended by the Kansas Legislature during the 2016 legislative session and the emergency safety intervention regulations that were amended by the Kansas State Board of Education in 2016. This PowerPoint only covers the changes to emergency safety interventions law that occurred in 2016. <http://ksdetasn.org/resources/407>

Standards for the Use of Emergency Safety Intervention – Emergency safety intervention law sets forth standards for the use of restraint and seclusion to ensure that all Kansas students and staff have a safe learning environment. This document contains the standards found in the emergency safety intervention statutes and regulations that are required to be followed in all Kansas public school districts and accredited private schools. <http://ksdetasn.org/resources/390>

Emergency Safety Intervention Sample Documentation Form - This document may be used by staff to document emergency safety intervention incidents with students. This document contains only the items that are required to be documented by emergency safety intervention law. Staff may choose to modify this document to collect additional information on emergency safety intervention incidents, if they wish. <http://ksdetasn.org/resources/389>

Sample Parent Letter After Emergency Safety Intervention Incident - When emergency safety intervention is used with a student, written documentation of the incident must be completed and provided to the parent no later than the school day following the day on which the emergency safety intervention was used. Staff may use this sample letter, in conjunction with the information required to be provided to the parent, to fulfill this requirement. <http://ksdetasn.org/resources/845>

Information for Parents After Emergency Safety Intervention Incident – Emergency safety intervention law requires that the school provide a parent with certain information in printed form or, upon the parent's written request, by email no later than the school day following the day on which the first emergency safety intervention incident of the school year occurred with their child. After a subsequent incident the school must provide the parent with a full and direct website address containing this information. This is a template that staff may edit to add necessary information and provide to a parent after the first emergency safety intervention incident of the school year with their child and may be posted on the school's website to provide the parent with the full and direct website for subsequent emergency safety intervention incidents in a school year. <http://ksdetasn.org/resources/393>

Emergency Safety Intervention Staff Flyer - This document is a one page (8.5 x 11, front and back) flyer that may be forwarded to staff electronically or printed to hand out to staff that provides a brief overview of the requirements of emergency safety intervention law. <http://ksdetasn.org/resources/385>

Emergency Safety Intervention Bookmark - This document provides the same content as the Emergency Safety Intervention Staff Flyer - some of the key requirements of emergency safety intervention law. This document displays the information so that it can be printed as a bookmark to distribute to staff. If you print this document two sided and cut it in half lengthwise you will have two bookmarks. <http://ksdetasn.org/resources/386>

Parent Requests for Emergency Safety Intervention Notification - Emergency safety intervention law requires that when an emergency safety intervention is used with a child, the school must notify the parent within the time frame and in the manner specified in the law. A parent may designate a preferred method of contact to receive same-day incident notification, agree to receive only one same-day notification, or request to receive certain information by email. This is a template that schools may choose to use to document any of these three parent options. <http://ksdetasn.org/resources/844>

Emergency Safety Intervention Sample Medical Form - Emergency safety intervention law states that emergency safety intervention must not be used with a student if the student is known to have a medical condition that could put the student in mental or physical danger as a result of the emergency safety intervention. The existence of such medical condition must be indicated in a written statement from the student's licensed health care provider, a copy of which must be provided to the school and placed in the student's file. This written statement must include an explanation of the student's diagnosis, a list of any reasons why an emergency safety intervention would put the student in mental or physical danger, and any suggested alternatives to the use of emergency safety interventions. This is a template that schools may provide to a parent so that the parent may request information from the child's licensed health care provider that the parent needs to fulfill the requirements of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 72-89d03(b). This template does not include any releases of information that may be necessary, depending on the situation, to share or release information to the school. Any necessary releases should be attached to this template, if used. <http://ksdetasn.org/resources/843>.

Please continue monitoring <http://ksdetasn.org/> for additional documents in the coming weeks. Soon we will have available an updated checklist of emergency safety intervention requirements for the 2015-16 school year, an updated PowerPoint and webinar on all emergency safety intervention requirements that can be used for staff training, an updated family guide, and an updated guidance document.

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