

# Minnesota K-12 Schools and Violence-Related Policies

*Below are several questions about policies and assault deterrents in your school environment. Please note specific months are identified. If you do not wish to answer a question, please mark an 'X' on the question number and continue to the next question.*

*For this survey, we define work-related violence as the intentional use of physical force or emotional abuse, against an employee that results in physical or emotional injury and consequences. This includes physical assault, threat, sexual harassment, verbal abuse and bullying.*

1. Were you the principal of this school prior to «assltmnh»?

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No

2. Prior to «assltmnh», did your school have a written policy on violence that addressed...

*Check only one answer for each of the following (a-g).*

a. requirements for violence prevention training of employees?

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure

b. types of violent behaviors against employees (physical assault, threat, sexual harassment, or verbal abuse) that were prohibited?

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure

c. types of violent behaviors against students (physical assault, threat, sexual harassment, or verbal abuse) that were prohibited?

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure

d. how to report if someone sexually harassed, threatened, or verbally abused educators?

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure

e. how to report if someone physically assaulted educators?

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure

f. assurance that reporting of violent incidents would be kept confidential?

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure

g. consequences for those who used violence?

- 1 • Yes, consequences for students
- 2 • Yes, consequences for employees
- 3 • Yes, consequences for students and employees
- 4 • No
- 8 • Unsure

3. Prior to «assltmnh», to what degree was this (were these) written policy(ies) enforced?

*Check only one.*

- 1 • Always enforced
- 2 • Almost always enforced
- 3 • Sometimes enforced
- 4 • Almost never enforced
- 5 • Never enforced
- 6 • No policy on any of the above
- 8 • Unsure

4. Prior to «assltmnh» did your school have a "zero tolerance" policy for violence? A zero tolerance policy for violence is one that does not tolerate violence at any level and has strict guidelines for the consequences of violating the policy. *Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure

5. Prior to «assltmnh», did your school have a visitor policy? (May include a visitor sign-in sheet and/or a visitor identification badge.)

*Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure
- 3 • Not Applicable

6. Prior to «assltmnh», to what degree was the visitor policy enforced? *Check only one.*

- 1 • Always enforced
- 2 • Almost always enforced
- 3 • Sometimes enforced
- 4 • Almost never enforced
- 5 • Never enforced
- 8 • Unsure

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**7. During «prevmth», were any of the following assault deterrents available in your educators' work environments?**

**a. Video monitor?** *Check all that apply.*

- 1 • Yes, at school entrances
- 2 • Yes, in classrooms
- 3 • Yes, in hallways
- 4 • No
- 8 • Unsure if available

**b. Metal detection device?** *Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure if available

**c. Security alarm/panic button/emergency call-in system?** *Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure if available

**d. Controlled access to work area or classroom?** *Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure if available

**e. Personal portable alarm (e.g., whistle, screamer, etc.)?** *Check all that apply.*

- 1 • Yes, the educator provided it
- 2 • Yes, the employer provided it
- 3 • Yes, another institution/person provided it
- 4 • No, not available
- 8 • Unsure if available

**f. Cellular telephone?** *Check all that apply.*

- 1 • Yes, the educator provided it
- 2 • Yes, the employer provided it
- 3 • Yes, another institution/person provided it
- 4 • No, not available
- 8 • Unsure if available

**g. Two-way radio/walkie-talkie?** *Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure if available

**h. Intercom?** *Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure

**i. Classroom telephone?** *Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure if available

**j. Required visible identification badges?**

*Check all that apply.*

- 1 • Yes, Staff/Educator ID badges
- 2 • Yes, Student ID badges
- 3 • No, not available
- 8 • Unsure if available

**k. On-site security personnel (non-educator)?**

*Check all that apply.*

- 1 • Yes, the employer provided it
- 2 • Yes, another institution/person provided it
- 3 • No, not available
- 8 • Unsure if available

**l. Contracted police presence (a permanent position, not an occasional call-in)?** *Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No, not available
- 8 • Unsure if available

**m. School Resource Officer (designated school personnel with whom students could discuss violent acts)?** *Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No, not available
- 8 • Unsure if available

**n. Escort/bodyguard?** *Check all that apply.*

- 1 • Yes, the educator provided it
- 2 • Yes, the employer provided it
- 3 • Yes, another institution/person provided it
- 4 • No, not available
- 8 • Unsure if available

**o. Routine locker searches?** *Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure

**p. School uniforms/dress code policy?** *Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes, school uniforms were required.
- 2 • Yes, a formal dress code existed (specified acceptable types of clothing that must be worn).
- 3 • Yes, an informal dress code existed (specified types of clothing/dress to avoid).
- 4 • No policies on dress code existed.
- 8 • Unsure

**q. Administrative surveillance of computer usage by staff and students?** *Check only one.*

- 1 • Yes
- 2 • No
- 8 • Unsure if available

**r. Other, specify:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for completing both pages of this survey!**

*Please return this survey in the envelope provided.*