

IDOE: Making It Happen



Division of School Building Physical Security and Safety; School Safety Specialist Academy



Who We Serve

The Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy provides ongoing, certified training and information on national and state best practices to educators, law enforcement, and community school safety partners. The Academy provides exemplary resources for school safety, security, intervention/prevention, and emergency preparedness planning. School Safety Specialists are trained to lead the development and implementation of school safety practices which provide safe educational environments for all students in Indiana.

Made It Happen in 2013

- Trained 352 new School Safety Specialists.
- Provided professional development to 1,887 educators and law enforcement officers statewide.
- Utilized regional training opportunities for participants, providing 24 days of professional development opportunities across Indiana.

2014

- Trained 480 new School Safety Specialists.
- Provided 28 days of professional development opportunities across Indiana.
- The Tennessee Department of Education adopted the IDOE model to create a Safety Specialist Academy.
- Awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security to add staff and conduct additional on-site school safety reviews.
- Created the IDOE Response Team to better assist schools during a large scale crisis.

2015

- Trained 501 new School Safety Specialists.
- Provided 27 days of professional development opportunities across Indiana.
- Conducted 30 on site school safety reviews.
- Recognized by the New Jersey School Security Task Force as the national model recommend for adoption

2016

- Trained 434 new School Safety Specialists.
- Provided 27 days of professional development opportunities across Indiana.
- Implemented a drill substitution process promoting multi-agency safety drills as a training alternative.
- Conducted 62 on site school safety reviews.
- Currently there are 2024 certified School Safety Specialists, impacting over 1 million students in Indiana schools

The Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy “is considered one of the more successful and sustainable school safety academies in the nation.”- New Jersey School Security Task Force Report