**School Safety Defined:**

School safety encompasses the critical and necessary environment in which effective teaching and learning can take place. A safe school supports student learning by creating and promoting an emotionally, socially, academically, and physically secure climate for students, staff, and visitors.

A focus on school safety creates a learning environment which has a positive impact on behavior, attendance, and ultimately, academic achievement.

It involves planning for the prevention, intervention, and mitigation of, and recovery from the variety natural, physical, social and technological threats to the school and the entire school community.

**BROAD CATEGORY** | **SAMPLE ISSUES** *(Recognizing that these often overlap)*
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Behavior | HIB; Threat Assess, Weapons, Discip.
DigiSafe/Cyber | Cyberbully; Internet safety, Security
Gangs | Gangs in Schools;
Disaster/Emerg.Prep. | Nat. Disasters.; Weather; Mapping; Emerg. prep
Drills/Shelter | Lockdowns; Shelter-in-place; fire drills
Threats | Terrorists; personal;
Health/Safe | Flu; obesity; ATOD; trafficking
Other | _______?_______