

WHAT MAKES A GOOD VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT?

Instructions: Consider each item on the inventory as it pertains to the most recent vulnerability assessment conducted at your school or organization. Mark an X in the column that best describes the status of your school or organization. Total your “yes”, “no” and “emerging” columns.

Yes – This is consistently true throughout my school or organization

No – This is NOT consistently true throughout my school or organization

Emerging – My school or organization is actively working on this.

ITEM	Yes	No	Emerging	Your notes / action items
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A good vulnerability assessment is timely and updated

My school has conducted a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary vulnerability assessment within the last 3 years.				
My school is conducting annual updates or reviews based on past vulnerability assessment mitigation recommendations.				

A good vulnerability assessment is objective, and incorporates multiple disciplines and perspectives

My school's assessment incorporates varied perspectives – not just security audit.				
The vulnerability assessment is completed by a team of individuals representing different disciplines including law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, insurance, legal, and education.				
The vulnerability assessment team contains members from outside of the organization who can provide objective opinions or “fresh eyes”.				

Vulnerability assessment (continued)

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A good vulnerability assessment is comprehensive and gives consideration to all elements of the school program, not just a physical site survey, including:

The most recent VA included:				
– a review of building and/or district documents, policies, and procedures to determine what has been formalized and adopted.				
– a review of actual practices and standard operating procedures that compares what is “really done” with what is actually “written down”.				
– an intruder assessment that measures whether an unknown individual can access a given building outside of typical visitor channels.				
– a review of the facilities after hours to determine what vulnerabilities exist when the building is in use outside of the typical school day.				
– a site survey of the physical facilities that includes public and private areas, auxiliary buildings, outside areas, and the property perimeter.				

A good vulnerability assessment includes a useful report that can be used as a mitigation roadmap moving forward

The assessment report is an accurately documented and recorded accounting of the assessment findings – not speculation, conjecture or opinion.				
The assessment report contains photo documentation and narrative descriptions, as well as data collected to provide an objective picture of what was assessed.				
The assessment report contains specific plans for mitigating vulnerabilities that are realistic and cost-effective (not just a list of things to buy).				
TOTAL				