

GADSDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Administrative Procedures

FORTIFY FLORIDA SCHOOL SAFETY REPORTING AND MONITORING
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The purpose of Florida Administrative Code Rule 6A-1.0018: School Safety Requirements and Monitoring is to set forth requirements relating to school safety and to define certain safety measures that schools are expected to meet. The Rule provides notice of the procedures and criteria utilized by the Office of Safe Schools to monitor school districts and individual schools for compliance with those requirements. It also resulted in the establishment of the FortifyFL app, which is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows anyone to instantly relay information to law enforcement and school officials.

Section (10) of Rule 6A-1.0018 identifies four (4) key requirements of FortifyFL that school districts must follow:

- (a) The District shall maintain current school listings in the FortifyFL application, including school name, address, and MSID number. The District shall update FortifyFL within five (5) school days of a school opening or closing, or when any other change occurs that impacts the accuracy of district-provided information.
- (b) The District shall maintain current contact information (telephone number and email address) in the FortifyFL application for each school's administrator and for the school safety specialist.
- (c) The District shall promote FortifyFL, as provided in Section 943.082(4)(b), F.S. The Districts shall:
 - 1. Advertise FortifyFL on the district website, on school campuses, in newsletters, and in school publications;
 - 2. Install the FortifyFL app on all mobile devices issued to students;
 - 3. Bookmark the FortifyFL website on all computer devices issued to students; and
 - 4. Advertise that someone who knowingly submits a false tip through FortifyFL may be subject to further investigation by law enforcement, and may be subject to criminal penalties under Section 837.05, F.S.
- (d) Within the first five (5) days of each school year, the District shall ensure that instruction on the use of FortifyFL is provided to students in accordance with Section 943.082(4)(b), F.S. Instruction on FortifyFL must be developmentally appropriate and must include the consequences of making a threat or false report involving school or school personnel's property, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity.