

*OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE OPTION
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES*

Reporting Requirements:

1. Districts must provide all data to the State Department of Education (SDE) by June 1 of each year.
2. All school districts are required to report school-site data annually.
3. Beginning in 2003, the State Department of Education (SDE) will notify a local educational agency (LEA) by July 1 of each year if one or more of the LEAs school sites have been identified as “persistently dangerous.”
4. If a school site meets the definition and criteria for **one** school year, the district may declare the school site in greatest need for the purpose of using Safe and Drug-free Schools program funds and services to identify the problems and implement strategies for correction.
5. Once a site is identified as a “persistently dangerous school,” and notification has been received, the district will have thirty (30) days to submit a “corrective action plan” to the SDE for approval.

Parental Notification

1. LEAs having one or more schools designated as “persistently dangerous” must notify the parent of each student attending these particular schools, and give the parents and student the option to transfer to a safe school within the district.
2. If the LEA does not have another school that is appropriate for a transferring student, the LEA is encouraged, but not required, to explore other appropriate options such as an agreement with a neighboring LEA to accept the transfer students.

Removal of Designation

After ensuring that all corrective action has been completed, the SDE will annually reassess the designated school(s) using the established definition and criteria for Oklahoma. If a designated school does not meet the persistently dangerous criteria in the preceeding year, the designation will be removed.