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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Education Agency Leads
Route To: School Safety Specialist Candidates
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School Safety Specialist Training - February/March

The New Jersey Department of Education's five-day School Safety Specialist (SSS) academy certification training course will be held February 3, 10, 17, and 24, and March 3, 2026, at the Professional Conference Center at ESCNJ, 1690 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ.

Per N.J.S.A 18A:17-43.3, responsibilities of the SSS include supervising and providing oversight for all school safety and security personnel; ensuring safety and security policies and procedures comply with state laws and regulations; and providing the necessary training and resources to LEAs in matters relating to school safety and security. The SSS will also serve as the LEA's liaison with local law enforcement in matters of school safety and security.

To attend the upcoming training course and receive the School Safety Specialist certification, candidates must:

- Be a school administrator or a school employee with expertise in school safety and security;
- Be an employee of a Local Education Agency (LEA) designated to fulfill this role by the Chief School Administrator;
- Complete Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Implementing the Incident Command System for Schools (ICS) online course; and
- Complete all five days of training sessions.

[Register online](#) for this training. There is no cost to attend; however, seating is limited and registration is required.

Prior to attending the training program, SSS designees should complete the REMS online course [ICS - Implementing the Incident Command System for Schools](#). This online prerequisite for the SSS training program takes approximately two hours to complete. Issues or concerns with this online course should be directed to REMS at info@remstacenter.org. Upon completion of the course, maintain a copy of your Certificate of Attendance.

Questions regarding the SSS academy certification training course or requirements can be directed to the Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning at school.security@doe.nj.gov or (609) 376-3574.

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