Under Section 1307-B of the PA Public School Code, members of the Pennsylvania State Police Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Team (PSP RVAT) are qualified to engage in school safety and security assessments. Each PSP RVAT team shall conduct school safety and security assessments based upon the Committee’s criteria when school is in session at school entities on a systematic basis free of charge. Schools or school entities wishing to utilize the PSP RVAT team to conduct an assessment should contact [ra-pspoffdomesticsecurity@pa.gov](mailto:ra-pspoffdomesticsecurity@pa.gov) or the PSP Domestic Security Section at 717-346-4085.1

Private individuals or entities who engage in the business of school safety and security assessments

should meet certain criteria that have been established by the Committee. Those who meet that criteria

can become registered school safety and security assessors via the registration system that is continuously updated. Please visit [www.pccd.pa.gov](https://schoolsafetyregistry.pccd.pa.gov/#/) for more information on registered school

safety assessment vendors.

Committee-registered assessors must evaluate school entities utilizing this criterion. Schools wishing to

utilize a private assessment can visit [www.pccd.pa.gov](https://schoolsafetyregistry.pccd.pa.gov/#/) to view registered school safety and security

assessors.

Again, these criteria are meant to give guidance regarding best practices in establishing a safe and

secure school. It is the duty and responsibility of assessors to undertake an assessment of a school

building in light of the criteria and produce a report indicating how the school might strive to meet the

best practices. Any assessment should be done in collaboration with a school entity’s school safety and

security coordinator.

Tiers have been applied to the statements to indicate the uniqueness of each school entity and assist

assessors on utilizing a rubric or scale based approach to the criteria to determine a

school’s current level of safety and security. Additionally, assessors should provide meaningful feedback

to schools based on the assessment that assists the school in advancing its safety initiatives and

prioritizing safety projects. You can find further information on the tiers at the beginning of each of the assessments.

1 NOTE: Demand for PSP RVAT services is extremely high. For more immediate assessment services, school entities may want to consider a registered assessor.