

Minimum Security Requirements for Interior Rooms Final Recommendations of the School Safety Task Force (2018)

All schools should implement minimum security measures for interior rooms. These include, but are not limited to:

- A designated area that is out of view of any intruder from the room door/inside windows during an active violence or threatening situation.
- A visual indicator consistent between buildings of where the area is located should be used.
- Solid core door.
- Ability to secure the door from the inside of the class without going into the hallway.
- Outward opening doors.
- Physical protection on windows to prevent intrusion/breakthrough (e.g., grating, wire, film, etc.).
- A way to deploy a covering to obscure observation from the exterior (e.g., blinds, shades, etc.).
- Anti-intrusion/barricade device for doors that open inward to prevent intrusion from the exterior, including control method for the device, from an active threat.
 - Any device used shall comply with building and life safety codes.
- Access to two-way public address system.
- Access to phones (hard line is preferred).
- Labeling on exterior windows with the room name/number that matches the interior door name/number to the room.
 - Numbers should be a minimum of eight inches in height and contrast in color from the background (reflective is preferred).

The above recommendations are not in order of importance. Physical security measures and changes that promote efficient and effective response by emergency responders are essential. Schools must have measures in place to keep students and staff safe from those trying to gain entry with the intent of committing violent acts.