

Criteria for Designating Persistently Dangerous Schools in 2006

Designation of persistently dangerous schools in 2006 is based on Violent and Disruptive Incident data from 2004-05 and 2005-06. The Department has established a School Violence Transitional Index (SVTI) to identify persistently dangerous schools.

Schools may be designated as persistently dangerous if they meet the following criteria:

IF for BOTH 2004-05 AND 2005-06 a school has EITHER:

1) An SVTI of 1.5 or greater

OR

2) An SVTI of 0.5 or greater AND a total of 60 or more serious incidents

THEN the school may be designated as persistently dangerous.

The School Violence Transitional Index (SVTI)

The SVTI is a ratio of violent incidents to enrollment in a school and is determined by the number of incidents, the seriousness of the incidents, and the school's enrollment. The table below provides the weights for each type of violent incident that carries a weight.

Incident Category (All of these Types of Incidents are Considered to be Serious Incidents)	Weight
Homicide	100
Forcible Sex Offenses	60
Other Sex Offenses	45
Robbery	40
Assault with Serious Physical Injury	40
Arson	30
Kidnapping	30
Assault with Physical Injury	30
Reckless Endangerment	25
All Other Incident Categories Involving the Use of a Weapon	25
Weapons Possession Only	15

To calculate the SVTI for each school, the incident counts for each type of incident are multiplied by the weight for that type of incident and those products are added together to obtain an overall weighted incident total. This total is then divided by the enrollment, which results in the SVTI score. Attachment A shows an example of how the SVTI is calculated.

Serious Incidents

Serious incidents are those that carry a weight greater than zero. (All of the types of incidents listed in the table above are considered to be serious incidents.)