Our nation’s K-12 schools and school districts are entrusted to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students and staff. Faced with emergencies ranging from active shooter situations to fires, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and pandemic influenza, this is no easy task. Many of these emergencies occur with little to no warning. It is critical for all schools and school districts—public and non-public, large and small, rural and urban—to plan ahead to help ensure the safety and general welfare of all members of their school community.

What is the REMS TA Center?
The U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS) administers the REMS TA Center to serve as a hub of information and services. We support K-12 schools, school districts, and their community partners in the development of high-quality emergency operations plans (EOPs) and the implementation of comprehensive emergency management planning efforts.

Who do we serve?
- Public, Non-Public, and Private K-12 Schools and School Districts
- Local and State Educational Agencies
- Community Partners
- Current or Former Grantees
- Key Stakeholders in K-12 Emergency Management
- Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services Personnel
EOP Interactive Tools
We offer interactive tools to support individuals and planning teams in assessing their knowledge of concepts fundamental to emergency management. Schools can use these tools to create new plans as well as to revise or update existing plans and help align their emergency planning practices with those at the national, state, and local levels. Learn more about our tools at http://rems.ed.gov/EOP_InteractiveTools.

Community of Practice
Our virtual space is open to schools, school districts, and their community partners to collaborate on special projects, share news and resources, discuss trends and ideas, and learn from the experiences of others in the field. Join the Community of Practice at http://rems.ed.gov/COP.

On-site Trainings by Request (TBRs)
We offer a variety of train-the-educator and train-the-trainer TBRs on topics ranging from developing EOPs to the basics and benchmarks of threat assessments at no cost. Visit http://rems.ed.gov/TA_TrainingsByRequest.aspx to view TBR topics, check your eligibility, and to request a training.

Virtual Trainings
We offer a diverse set of trainings, including downloadable Webinars and self-paced online courses, to practitioners in the field of school emergency management. Topics include, but aren’t limited to, Developing EOPs 101, Campus Public Safety and Incorporating International Students Into Emergency Management and Planning, and Preparing for Active Shooter Situations. View our virtual trainings at http://rems.ed.gov/TA_VirtualTrainings.

Tool Box
We maintain an interactive and virtual library of tools developed by emergency managers in the field and containing relevant resources pertinent to the needs of local education agencies, schools, and their community partners as they engage in the process of emergency preparedness planning. Access resources and submit your tool at http://rems.ed.gov/ToolBox.

Technical Assistance
REMS TA Center staff are available by email (info@remstacenter.org) and toll free telephone (855-781-REMS [7367]) to respond to requests for assistance on a variety of topics pertaining to emergency operations planning for schools and school districts. Submit your TA request using our interactive TA Request Form: http://rems.ed.gov/TA_Submissions.

To access the Federal guidance on developing a high-quality school EOP, visit http://rems.ed.gov/K12GuideForDevelHQSchool.