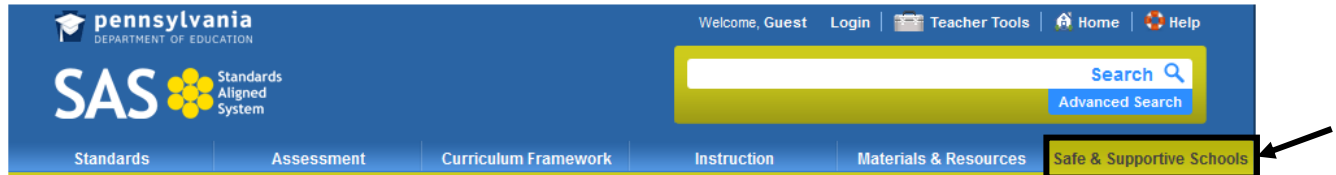


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1. Choose **Safe & Supportive Schools** from the **Navigation Bar**.



2. Select the **Overview** tab.
3. Review the definitions for each of the three sections of the element; **Engagement**, **Safety**, and **Environment**.

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Locating Safe Schools Resources

1. Select from the **Engagement, Safety, Environment, or Comprehensive Resources** tabs, or click the linked words on the **Overview** tab.

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NOTE: The resources available in **Comprehensive Resources** span two or more of the **Safe and Supportive Schools** element's major tabs, and are robust in nature.

2. This tab lists the three (3) **Facets** of the **Engagement** area, plus the **Comprehensive Resources**. Briefly review the description of each **Facet**.

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| Relationships | The connection between two or more people or groups and their involvement with and behavior toward one another. | Materials & Resources |
| Respect for Diversity | Understanding, appreciating, and responding to differences in individuals or groups. | Materials & Resources |
| School Participation | One's sharing in and involvement with daily classroom and other school events. | Materials & Resources |
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- Click on the **Materials & Resources** button to the right of a **Facet**. A list of all of the **Safe Schools Resources** available in the database of **Materials & Resources** will appear.
- Locate a resource and click on its **Title**.

The screenshot shows the 'Materials & Resources' section with a search filter for 'Safe Schools Resource'. Below the filter, there are 16 results. The first result is 'Legal Issues for School Districts Related to the Education of Undocumented Children'. The second result, 'Community Outreach for Involvement and Support: A Self-study Survey', is highlighted with a black box and an arrow. To the right of each result is a 'Safe Schools Resource' label and a list of grade levels: Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 5th Grade, 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade, 9th Grade, 10th Grade, 11th Grade, and 12th Grade.

- Scroll down to see the alignment to **Student Interpersonal Skills (SIS) Standards**, as well as any relevant **Standards**.
- Review the **Description** of the resource.

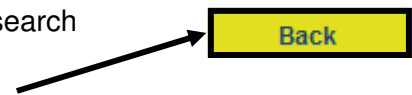
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7. Scroll up to the top of the page to view **Add to My ePortfolio/Send to a Friend/Printer Friendly Version**.



- **Add to My ePortfolio** – saves the resource as a bookmark in your ePortfolio
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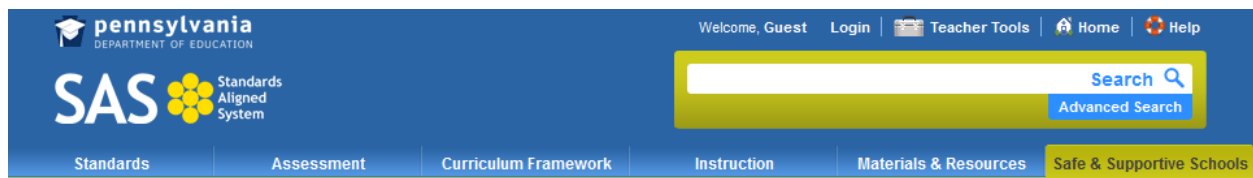
8. Click the **Back** button at the bottom of the page to return to the search results.



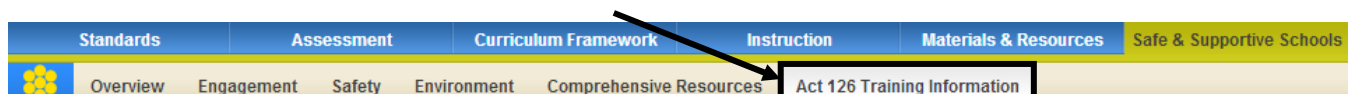
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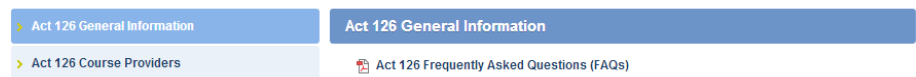
2. Select the **Act 126 Training Information** tab.



3. Click on the appropriate sub-topic, and then click the title of the document you wish to view:

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4. You will be prompted to either **Open** the file, or **Save** the file to a location on your hard drive, file server, or other storage device.