

## DESE School Safety Grant Application

District:	LEA #:
Superintendent:	Contact Number:
Email:	
Grant Amount:	

School safety grants are provided to districts to aid in implementing the School Safety Commission’s recommendations. Many of the Commission’s recommendations, as well as Governor Huckabee Sanders’ Arkansas L.E.A.R.N.S. plan for education, include low-cost actions that districts should implement immediately, if not already in place. As part of the grant application, superintendents must indicate actions already taken and report information concerning the Safe Schools Initiative Act (Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1303).

\* Answering “No” to any of the questions below will not impact the district’s eligibility for grant funds.

Safe Schools Initiative Ark. Code Ann. 6-15-1303 & Arkansas L.E.A.R.N.S.		
As of February 1, 2023 the district has:	YES	No*
Conducted a Comprehensive School Safety Audit/Assessment (Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1303(a))		
IF YES, was local law enforcement involved in the safety audit/assessment?		
Conducted an annual lockdown (active shooter) drill at each school (Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1303(b))		
Provided current floor plans and pertinent emergency contact information to appropriate first responders (Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1303(c))		
Developed a School Safety Plan for each school and provided annual training for all staff		
Identified an individual in the district responsible for overseeing school safety		
Implemented strategies to increase the presence of trained law enforcement officers or Commissioned School Security Officers (CSSOs) on school campuses		
IF YES, what percentage of time are SRO or CSSO present on campuses?		
Elementary:     Less than 50% day ____     More than 70% ____     100% of the time__		
Middle Grades:   Less than 50% day ____     More than 70% ____     100% of the time__		
High School:     Less than 50% day ____     More than 70% ____     100% of the time__		

This completed application must be submitted no later **than March 31, 2023**, to: [Safe.Schools@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:Safe.Schools@ade.arkansas.gov). After the superintendent receives notice that the application has been approved, the district may seek reimbursement by processing expenses from eFinance source of fund (SOF) code 2397 and revenue code 32907. ADE Finance will pull expenses for this fund on the second Saturday of the month and issue reimbursement for the outstanding expenses recorded therein. The district **MUST** attach all invoices paid to the expense in eFinance. Original invoices **MUST** be attached to any journal entries that reclassify prior expenses to this new fund. This will eliminate the need for districts to request funds or submit manual documentation, as all expense data will be contained in eFinance. However, the district should retain pertinent documentation for monitoring and audit purposes. Districts may be reimbursed for approved items purchased anytime during FY23, even if completed prior to application approval. All reimbursements for FY23 must be in eFinance and properly recorded with the required attachments, no later than June 10, 2023. FY 24 expenditures must be expended by December 31, 2023.

Grant funding is intended to assist school districts' implementation of the identified school safety priorities. It is the district's responsibility to ensure that each item under Priority 1 is in place at each campus prior to utilizing funding for Priority 2 or 3 items.

Please indicate for each safety measure, if it is already in place on all campuses or if the district is applying to use school safety grant funding. If the district indicates that they will use grant funding, please estimate the cost to implement:

<b>Priority 1</b>		<b>In Place</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>N/A**</b>
A	Electronic access controls for high-frequency-use exterior doors.				
B	Visitor management system for school campuses.				
C	Covers for vision panels on classroom doors that prevent viewing into the classroom and allow students a blind area to 'hide' during a lockdown.				
D	Locks for all classroom doors so that doors can be locked from the inside, allow outside access by authorized personnel, and allow for egress. Temporary door stoppers or blockers for doors that need additional security may also be purchased but must comply with current State Fire Prevention Code and ADA standards for accessible design.				
F	Numbers on classroom interior and exterior surfaces (wall, door, or window) easily identifiable to first responders so that they can reference the position of students and/or intruders.				
G	Intercom/communication system that allows two-way communication between staff across the district.				
H	Touch bar exit devices to replace crash bar exterior door egress hardware, including replacement of door handles if necessary.				
I	District campuses should have fencing that limits access to the school entrances, especially the main entrance				

**\*\*Must provide an explanation for any items marked N/A including lack of funding:**

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<b>Priority 2</b>		<b>In Place</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>N/A**</b>
A	Security cameras for school campuses; must be accessible only by designated individuals and law enforcement.				
B	A grand master key system for the school district, ensuring that each campus has a master key available.				
C	District master keys to be provided/accessible to local law enforcement for use during a critical incident.				
D	Shatter resistant film or other reinforcement for glass/windows to prevent access into a classroom and the main entrance.				
E	Safety measures for buses and transportation (communication, cameras, etc.).				
F	Visible signage on school campuses to clearly identify visitor requirements, closed campus areas, and traffic flow.				
G	Modifications to establish a single secure visitor point of entrance, ideally with a secured vestibule, when allowable.				

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<b>Priority 3 – Additional Safety Considerations</b>		<b>In Place</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>N/A</b>
A	Physical barriers to prevent access, including bollards, landscaping, fencing, low walls, etc., especially at the main school entrance.				
B	Software or other mechanisms to monitor communication platforms, on school owned devices, to include social media outlets as it relates to threats or triggering phrases used by potential active attack suspects.				
C	Weapon-detection equipment/system(s)				
D	Shot-detection equipment/system(s)				
E	Door-prop alarms				
F	First-aid materials and equipment				
G	Radios compatible with AWIN system				
H	Other safety measures identified by the district; <b>require Commissioner approval.</b> Please describe below:				
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Districts should refer to the Emergency Rules Governing School Safety for additional information regarding grant requirements and the 2022 School Safety Commission’s Final Report for further explanation of priority recommendations.

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Superintendent signature

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Date

ADE use only:
Approved:

