

LEARNS Work Group: School Safety

Meeting Norms

Prior to Meeting

- DESE will send out agenda and materials at least 3 business days in advance of each meeting.
- Members review all materials and come prepared to share feedback.

During Meeting

- Mute yourself when not speaking.
- Keep feedback centered on topic at hand.
- Stay engaged (e.g., actively participate and use the chat function).
- Be mindful of how much “air time” each member receives.
- All ideas are valued.

Materials (notes, slides) will be posted after the meeting for members who can not attend.



Agenda

- Requirements for "school safety expert"
- Roles and responsibilities of Commissioned School Security Officer (CSSO) and institutional law enforcement officer.

School Safety Expert

A public school district or open-enrollment public charter school shall have a school safety expert review and advise on architectural plans for a public school facility before the new construction of the public school facility.

SB294 "LEARNS Act"



School Safety Expert

The requirements for a school safety expert shall be established by the Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation by rule.

SB294 "LEARNS Act"



School Safety Expert Requirements

- **CPTED- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design**
- **School Safety Coordinator Academy**
- **Site Assess, mobile app training**

School Safety Expert Requirements

CPTED comprises four basic principles. These are:

- Natural surveillance
 - Natural access control
 - Territorial reinforcement
 - Maintenance and management
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- Arkansas Center for School Safety

School Safety Expert Requirements

School Safety Coordinator training

- Arkansas Center for School Safety

School Safety Expert Requirements

Site Assess training

- Site Assess is a FREE secure mobile app designed specifically for school campuses to allow personnel to walk around buildings and grounds and examine safety, security, accessibility, and emergency preparedness. The app, created by the U.S. Department of Education, generates a customized to-do list that may be used in the short term and long term to address facility improvements, prompts teams to share pertinent information with first responders, and contains relevant resources on several education facility and preparedness topics.
- Arkansas Center for School Safety



School Safety Expert Requirements

Discussion

Commissioned School Security Officer Roles

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Superintendent

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Institutional Law Enforcement Officer Roles

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Director

Criminal Justice Institute

Arkansas Center for School Safety

DESE Rules Governing School Safety

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DESE Rules Governing School Safety

- **School Safety Expert**
- **Review the draft rules**

Workgroup Scope & Sequence

Date	Key Topics
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="343 314 1738 423">● How the completion of the comprehensive school safety assessment and confirmation the collaboration with local law enforcement and emergency management will be verified and reported<li data-bbox="343 467 1738 576">● Describe how the completion of the lock down drills and confirmation of collaboration with local law enforcement, medical professionals, fire department and emergency management will be verified and reported

Next Steps

- DESE will send any draft materials in advance of next meeting
- Work group members review background materials
 - [2022 Arkansas School Safety Commission Final Report 10-6 2022\[92\] COMM.pdf](#) PAGES 33-90
 - [Executive Order To Prioritize L.E.A.R.N.S. \(Literacy, Empowerment, Accountability, Readiness, Networking, and School Safety\) \(arkansas.gov\)](#)
 - [LEARNS Act](#) PAGES 7-13

