

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

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

Agenda

- 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
- 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

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

- CPTED
- Site Assess
- School Safety Coordinator Academy
- Facilities Project Managers
- District Personnel on Site

School Safety Expert Requirements

Discussion

Commissioned School Security Officer Roles

Roles and responsibilities of Commissioned School Security Officer (CSSO) and institutional law enforcement officer

- **CSSO**-School staff i.e. teacher etc. and/or
- Uniformed school personnel on designated school security team
- Both are armed for **active attacker only**
- **NEITHER ARE CONSIDERED A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AND DO NOT PREFORM THE DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN SRO**

Commissioned School Security Officer Roles

Discussion

Institutional Law Enforcement Officer Roles

- An **Institutional Law Enforcement Officer** is a School Resource Officer and has the same roles responsibilities and training standards.

Institutional Law Enforcement Officer Roles

Discussion

Comprehensive School Safety Assessment- Reporting

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

Comprehensive School Safety Assessment- Reporting

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Lock Down Drills-Reporting

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

Lock Down Drills-Reporting

Discussion

DESE Rules Governing School Safety

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Workgroup Scope & Sequence

Date	Key Topics
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How compliance in providing floor plans and emergency contact information to first responders and updating the information will be verified and reported• Direct communications with law enforcement will be 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

