



**LOUISIANA CENTER FOR
SAFE SCHOOLS**



School Safety Act of 2023

The Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "commission", is hereby established within GOHSEP to study and make recommendations on the security needs of schools and nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attacks in Louisiana, including recommendations on the establishment, administration, and funding of a grant program for eligible entities to apply for security grants covering security personnel, security training, facility hardening, and other necessary security measures.

The commission shall provide oversight of the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools. The commission shall annually report to the governor on the activities of the center and any identified needs of the center. The commission shall provide recommendations to the legislature relative to legislative changes for increasing school safety.

Commission on Schools & Nonprofit Security

Director of GOHSEP	House Homeland Security Chair	Senate Homeland Security Chair	State Police Superintendent	Sheriff's Association Director
LA Interchurch Conference Director	LDOE Superintendent	Law Enforcement Commission Director	School Board Association Director	School Superintendent Director
Public Charter School Director	Nonpublic School Commission Chair	Rural OHSEP Director	Metro OHSEP Director	LA Chiefs of Police Director
LA Emergency # Association President	Louisiana State Fire Marshal	Dept. of Health Secretary	Child & Family Services Secretary	Senate Education Committee Chair
House Education Committee Chair	LA Educators Teacher	LA Teachers Federation Teacher	Legislative Youth Advisory Council Representative	

Historical Perspective

2024

- Jacques Thibodeaux is named Executive Director of GOHSEP
- School Safety Section is developed within GOHSEP

2024

- LCSS partnership with SDMI for statewide dashboards & reporting
- LCSS releases Data Call Questionnaire for School Safety Act reporting

2024

- LCSS launches the School & Nonprofit Security Grant Program
- LCSS submits the annual School Safety Report to Gov. Landry



Data Call Questionnaire

To ensure compliance with the School Safety Act and provide support in improving school safety programs, the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools at GOHSEP in collaboration with SDMI of Louisiana State University conducted a statewide data call with all K-12 schools.

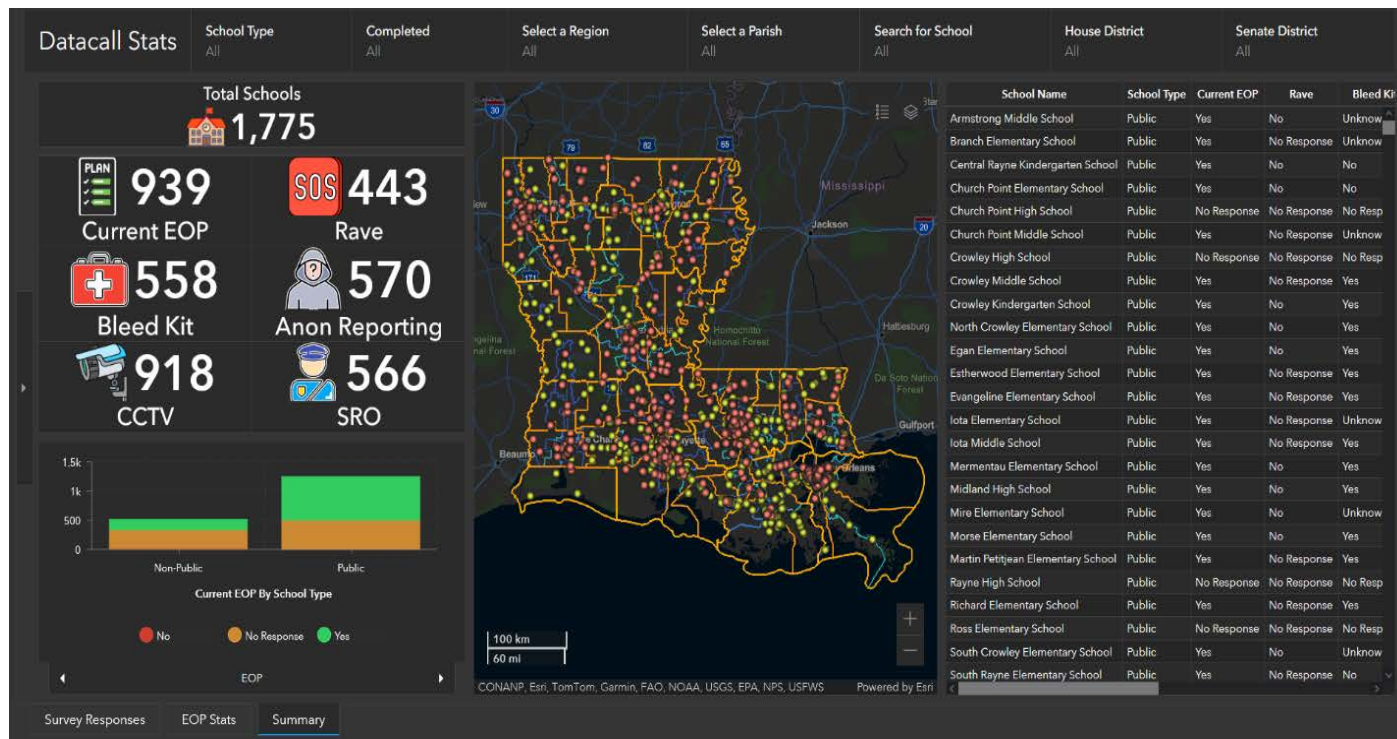
The Questionnaire includes the topics in compliance with the School Safety Act of 2023 such as security assessments, crisis plans, emergency notification platforms, anonymous reporting, district threat assessment teams, SROs and more. These details establish baseline data for future federal and state funding applications in school safety.

Region	Total Schools	Count Finished	Percent Finished
Region 1	291	151	51.89%
Region 2	255	128	50.2%
Region 3	126	102	80.95%
Region 4	271	135	49.82%
Region 5	112	41	36.61%
Region 6	163	85	52.15%
Region 7	165	55	33.33%
Region 8	153	88	57.52%
Region 9	187	137	73.26%



Data Call Questionnaire

- March 2024 – Current – Statewide Data Call creates a baseline operating view in compliance with the legislative mandates and national best practices for each campus statewide.
- March 2024 – Current – Creation of ESRI powered Dashboards displaying all schools, data call metrics, and other critical school safety information for solution expansion.





School & Nonprofit Security Grant Program

The Fiscal Year Louisiana School and Nonprofit Security Grant Program (LSNSGP) (FY) 2024 is a competitive, State-funded grant program for local school systems and non-profits to fund school safety projects which prevents potential acts of violence or other extremist attacks, priorities include: physical and security enhancements, enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places, effective planning; training and awareness campaigns; and exercises.

Available Funding FY24 LSNSGP	\$5,000,000.00
Projected Number of Awards	Distribution by Regions, will vary.
Maximum Award Amount	\$50,000.00

300+ grant application were received for consideration.

LCSS's Grant Priorities

1. Physical security enhancements
2. Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places
3. Effective planning
4. Training and awareness campaigns; and
5. Exercises

Grant project periods are usually 9-12 months.

FY2024 Common Items Found

- Applying for more than \$50,000 (Highest Amount we are awarding)
- Applying for more than 1 school on 1 application. We can't tell the needs of each school in 1 application.
- Application states deficiencies and needs, but school is purchasing other items that do not correlate.
- No Sustainability plan given after grant funding ends.
- Budget items did not explain need. Some applications budgets did not provide an explanation of items listed.

FY2024 Grant Progress

- We recently awarded 100+ grants at our June 2024 Commission Meeting. Grant application submissions closed on May 15, 2024. GOHSEP reviewed them all.
- Everyone began their projects after signing the CEA and Award letter at the end of June.
- All award funding is currently pending CEA approval from the Department of Administration (DOA). Awardee CEAs have been sent to State Procurement at DOA for review. Once the CEAs are approved by State Procurement, we will notify all awardees through GMPro emails.

FY2024 Grant Progress

- Following the approval of the CEAs, we anticipate having GMPro ready for awardees to upload reimbursement packages. GMPro is currently building that piece out and will go through testing prior to deployment. Once it is ready, training aides will be sent to each awardee with how to steps on uploading reimbursement packages.
- GOHSEP employees will be starting in September/ October 2024 (depending on the hurricane season) monitoring/ site visiting all grant awardees before their grants close.
- Any questions can be sent to Lasafeschools@la.gov



FY2025 School & Nonprofit Security Program

Currently we are awaiting additional funding from the legislature. We anticipate another fiscal year of funding to begin soon, but do not have a date available at this time.

FY2025 Anticipated Amount - \$5,000,000

Anticipated Release and Application Dates – Mid- August

****Grant Information Sessions Coming Up- July 17, & 23 and August 15th****

LCSS Information Sessions for FY2025 Grants

Hosted on Microsoft Teams

Wednesday
July 17, 2024
9:00am- 10:30am



[JOIN THE MEETING](#)

Tuesday
July 23, 2024
1:00pm- 2:30pm



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Thursday
August 15, 2024
1:00pm- 2:30pm



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How to Apply for Future Funding

1. Complete LCSS's Data Call Questionnaire (Survey)

LCSS will be releasing another questionnaire/ survey in Fall 2024.

2. Review the Notice of Funding Opportunity on our website (Updated upon funding becoming available).

- <https://lasafeschools.la.gov/media/njrkg4ul/grant-guidance-final-nofo.pdf>

3. Join our mailing list for LCSS's newsletter announcing funding is available. Lasafeschools@gmail.com

Federal Funding Available

- BJA STOP School Violence Program Competitive Grant

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172090.pdf>

- COPS School Violence Prevention Program

<https://cops.usdoj.gov/svpp>

- COPS Hiring Program

<https://cops.usdoj.gov/chp>

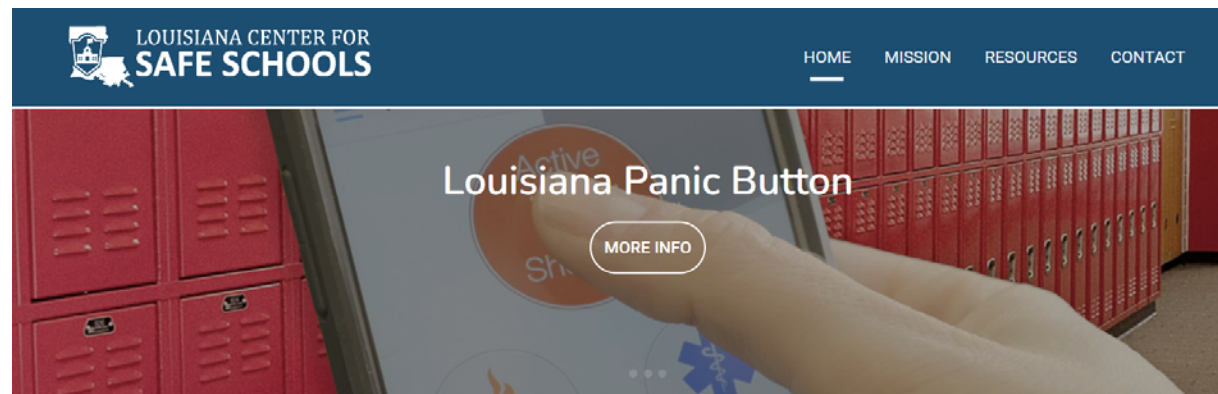
- All above usually release solicitations for available funding in February/March each year with a deadline for applying in May/June of each year.



Louisiana Center for Safe Schools

- Administrators and Superintendents
- Parents and Students
- Faculty and Staff
- First Responders and Resource Officers
- Behavioral and Mental Health
- Louisiana Legislation

Website: <https://lasafeschools.la.gov/>



Mission

Homeland Security starts with Hometown Security. The purpose of the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools is a virtual resource library to connect local stakeholders for emergency preparedness planning, training, execution, recovery, and reporting. The Louisiana Center for Safe Schools provides school communities and their school safety partners with quality information and resources by identifying and promoting strategies, practices, and programs that support safe schools for all as part of the total academic mission. After all, Education is the key to opportunity and advancement. And likewise, providing safe and secure learning environments are the core foundation of learning and engagement.





Upcoming Free Training

SCAN TO REGISTER



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THE STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL & THE STANDARD REUNIFICATION METHOD

Full-Day Train the Trainer Workshop

An Advanced Introduction to the Standard Response Protocol and the Standard Reunification Method

SRP AND SRM TRAINING FROM ALERRT AND THE "I LOVE U GUYS" FOUNDATION

As a part of The ALERRT Center's awarded COPS funding, they are seeking to expand the connection with law enforcement and their community partners by bringing together all stakeholders involved in crisis response and post-crisis reunification to learn about the Standard Response Protocol and Standard Reunification Method.

DETAILS

JULY 18, 2024 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Caldcasieu Parish School Board

Convocation Center

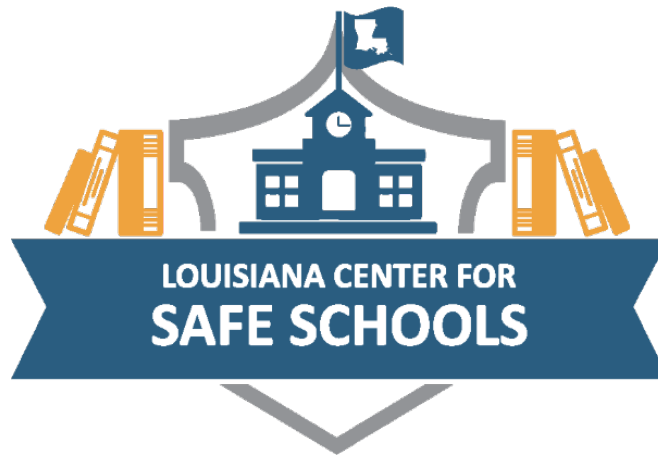
600 Shattuck Street Lake Charles, LA 70601

Curriculum and Instruction Building

Questions?

Survey





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