

Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security



Louisiana Center for Safe Schools

Develop a comprehensive planning/training model that will ensure all stakeholders can adopt and or integrate in their current school safety plans.

- 1) Prepare school systems to respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters at the individual, local, and state levels.
- 2) Increase intelligence, information sharing, and situational awareness capabilities.
- 3) Document, assess, and facilitate the enhancement of protective measures for schools to reduce vulnerability.
- 4) Participate in specific exercises, drills, meetings, workshops, and trainings on emergency preparedness coordination.

SB 207 – ACT 334: SCHOOL SAFETY ACT OF 2023

[Act 334: SB 207 \(Milligan\)](#) : to provide relative to school crisis management and response plans; to provide for additional safety drills; (Effective 6.13.23)

to amend and reenact R.S. 17:416.16(A), (B), (C)(1) , (D), (E), (F), (H), and (I), and R.S. 29:726.5 and to reenact R.S. 17:416.16(G)(4) and (5) and R.S. 29:726.5.1, **relative to school safety; school crisis management and response plans; for additional safety drills**; require bleeding control kits and trainings; training for traumatic injury response; liability for rendering aid; duties and membership of the Louisiana Commission on School and Nonprofit Security; for the **Louisiana Center for Safe schools**.

726.5.1. Louisiana Center for Safe Schools; creation, duties (p. 9 of Act 334)

A. The Louisiana Center for Safe Schools, referred to in this Section as the "center", **shall be established within GOHSEP**.



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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

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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.

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- C. (1)** Members of the commission shall serve without compensation. Travel expenses, per diem, and other expenses may be paid by the member's employer or appointing authority.
- (2)** The commission shall fix a time and place for its meetings and shall meet at least quarterly. Additional meetings may be held upon the call of the chairman.
- (3)** A majority of the total commission members shall constitute a quorum and any official action taken by the commission shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting.
- (4)** The commission shall elect a chair by a majority vote of the members.

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D. The Commission shall issue a report to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the Senate Select Committee on Homeland Security and the House Select Committee on Homeland Security of its findings and recommendations with respect to the security status and needs of schools and nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attacks in Louisiana. The report shall be issued annually and at such other times as deemed necessary by the commission or GOHSEP.

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E. 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.

F. The commission shall provide recommendations to the legislature relative to legislative changes for increasing school safety.

G. GOHSEP shall adopt rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act for the implementation and administration of the activities of the commission and the center with oversight by the Senate and House Education Committees.

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1. Identify & prioritize resources available to improve the safety of schools.
2. Facilitate the collection and dissemination of information on school safety needs, vulnerabilities, training standards, best practices, and available funding programs.
3. Develop, in consultation with BESE, a statewide comprehensive school safety framework including a statewide behavioral threat assessment model and trauma-informed student support.
4. Assist schools in developing and revising their school crisis and management response plans.

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5. Coordinate with LDOE to ensure schools are aware of the resources of the center and that school safety rules are incorporating best practices.
6. Provide training and technical assistance to schools on school safety issues such as emergency operations planning, emergency drills, behavioral threat assessment, facility security, information technology, digital privacy, vulnerability assessments, and hazard mitigation.
7. Facilitate consistent and comprehensive information sharing between schools, communities, and governmental agencies to promote safety and resiliency.

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8. Identify and offer training for school resource officers pursuant to R.S. 17:416.19.
9. The center shall provide an annual report to the governor, BESE, and the Senate & House Committees on Education regarding the status of school safety in Louisiana, the work of the center, and resources identified to increase school safety.

SCHOOL SAFETY ACT OF 2023 COMPLIANCE DEADLINES

No later than December 1, 2023, the LCSS shall provide a statewide:

- (a) [Panic emergency notification system - Louisiana Panic Button App](#)
- (b) [Anonymous reporting system - Safe Schools Louisiana App](#)

No later than **April 1, 2024**, each city, state, or other local school board shall implement the use of the panic emergency notification system and the anonymous reporting system or other systems of equal or exceeding capability.

No later than **May 1, 2024**, each local school board shall report the systems implemented to BESE and the Center. (*Act 334: P. 10; lines 9-26*)



Louisiana Panic Button Emergency Notification System

[Panic Button](#) is funded by the Center and intended for administrators, faculty, and staff to accelerate emergency response. The app places a **911 call** while simultaneously sending an In-App notification, Text message, and Email to school faculty and staff to become “immediate” responders until “first” responders arrive.

The 911 centers receive critical incident information through RAVE Command View based on the schools profile.

This service is offered free to all K-12 campuses; public, private, and charter to build resiliency within our communities.



The figure consists of four horizontal bar charts, each representing a different category. Each chart has a y-axis labeled 'Count' and an x-axis with categories 'Opted-In', 'Closed', and 'Opted-Out'. A red dashed line indicates the 50% threshold. A green dashed line indicates the total count for each category.

Category	Opted-In	Closed	Opted-Out	Total
Districts Opted-In	63	0	0	91
Public Schools	984	0	0	1242
Charter Schools	91	12	0	196
Non-Public Schools	3	11	0	434



Louisiana Panic Button Emergency Notification System





Safe Schools Louisiana Anonymous Reporting System

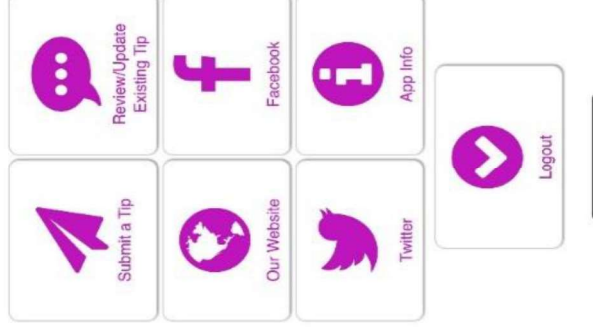
The **Safe Schools Louisiana App** is funded by the Center and intended for **students** in grades 6 through 12; public, private, and charter schools, statewide.

The app allows students to **share *what they know*** with faculty, staff, counselors, and law enforcement, who can then prevent the reventable.

Currently deployed in 565 schools and an additional 208 school campuses being onboarded as of March 1, 2024.

There have been just under 18,000 downloads of the application to date.

Annual average number of tips submitted =



LCSS

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 Louisiana State University conducted statewide data call with all K-12 schools.

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

https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_39jRIspTaGB85D0

For additional questions, please contact us at safeschools@la.





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School and Nonprofit Security Grant Program

Fiscal Year Louisiana School and Nonprofit Security Grant Program (LSNSGP) (FY) 2024 -competitive, State-funded grant program for local school systems and non-profits to school safety and security-related projects. Authorized by the Louisiana Legislation to strengthen Louisiana communities against potential acts of violence or other extremist attacks, priorities include: physical and security enhancements, enhancing the detection 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

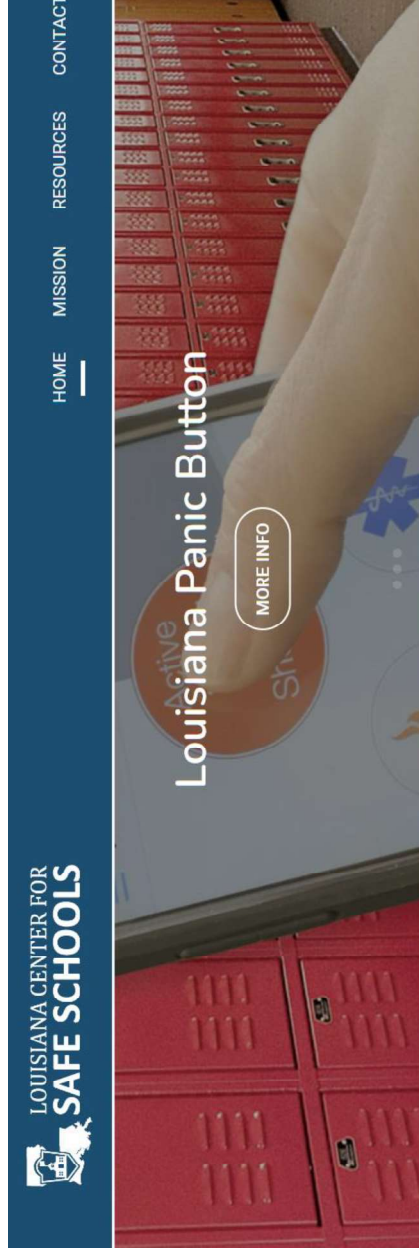




Louisiana Center for Safe Schools Website

- 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.



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