



# *All Hands on Deck:*

— *Navigating School Safety Together* —

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**2026 LA K-12 School Safety Summit**

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# 2026 LA K-12 School Safety Summit Overview

The **Louisiana Center for Safe Schools**, in partnership with the **Louisiana Department of Education** and the **Louisiana State Police**, is proud to host the **2026 LA K-12 School Safety Summit**. This premier professional learning event brings together school safety leaders and practitioners from across the state to strengthen emergency preparedness and response in K-12 schools.

This **FREE** summit will provide high-quality learning opportunities designed specifically for those responsible for keeping our schools safe. Attendees will gain new skills, share their expertise, and hear from leaders in the school safety and emergency response field. Through engaging sessions and collaborative discussions, participants will leave better equipped to support safe, secure, and supportive school environments.

This year's school safety summit theme is "**All Hands on Deck: Navigating Safer Schools Together.**"

- **2026 LA K-12 School Safety Summit** will take place **July 7-8, 2026**, at the **Lake Charles Event Center** in Lake Charles, Louisiana.
- Registration for this event will be on a **first-come, first-served basis**. As space is limited, you are encouraged to register early.

The purpose of this document is to outline the specifics of the **2026 LA K-12 School Safety Summit**. Event updates will be posted to the [2026 LA K-12 School Safety Summit](#) website.

## Summit Objectives

- **Strengthen emergency preparedness and response** through effective emergency operations planning and coordination.
- **Advance Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) practices** to support early identification and prevention.
- **Promote prevention strategies** that foster safe, supportive school environments.
- **Enhance the integration of mental health supports** within school safety systems.
- Increase understanding of legislative requirements, policies, and mandates related to school safety.
- **Strengthen collaboration** among schools, law enforcement, and community partners to improve coordinated safety efforts.

## Summit Schedule 2026

DATE	TIME
Monday, July 6	<b>4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.</b> Early check-in for the event is available at L'Auberge Casino
Tuesday, July 7	<b>8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.</b> <i>Check-in begins at 7:00 a.m.</i> Lake Charles Event Center
Wednesday, July 8	<b>8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</b> <i>Check-in begins at 7:00 a.m.</i> Lake Charles Event Center

### Attendees

The 2026 LA K-12 School Safety Summit is designed for all public and nonpublic schools serving students in grades K-12. Those who will benefit most from attending include:

- **School Emergency Response Coordinators**
- **School Mental Health Professional**
- **School Security Personnel**
- **School Administrators**
- **School Resource Officers**
- **Community Partners in School Safety**

While the 2026 LA K-12 School Safety Summit is open to all K-12 school systems and safety partners, districts are ***strongly encouraged to prioritize sending team members directly responsible for school safety functions, such as emergency operations planning, behavioral threat assessment, and physical security.*** Due to limited capacity, registrations will be reviewed and approved to ensure fair and equitable representation across all school systems statewide.

### Registration

The conference is completely **FREE** for all attendees. Registration for the **2026 LA K-12 SSS** will open on **April 6, 2026**, on a **first-come, first-served basis**, and will close on **June 15, 2026**, or once capacity is reached. There will be **no on-site registration**. All registrations **must** be completed ***in advance*** of arriving at the event

All registrations are **subject to review and approval** due to limited capacity and to ensure appropriate representation across school systems statewide. Applicants **will receive an email confirming their registration status** (approved or not approved) once the review process is complete. If you are not receiving emails, please check your spam or junk folder.

## Sessions

The summit will feature a dynamic lineup of keynote speakers and nationally recognized experts in the field of school safety.

**Session descriptions and details** will be released *no later than May 1, 2026*. **Approved attendees** will receive instructions via email on how to register for individual sessions through the event **website** or the **vFairs app**.

**Pre-registration is required for all breakout sessions**, as space is limited and each session has a maximum capacity. Keynote and full-group sessions do not require pre-registration.

## Cancellations

While there is no cost to attend, space is limited. If you are no longer able to attend, we kindly ask that you notify us as soon as possible so your spot may be offered to another participant.

To cancel your registration, please send an **email including your full name and organization** to [SafeSchools@la.gov](mailto:SafeSchools@la.gov)

## Event Check-in

Check-in will be available both the evening prior to the event and each morning of the summit at designated locations.

Check-In Type	Date(s)	Time	First Session	Location	Address	Details
Early Check-In	July 6, 2026	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	N/A	L'Auberge Casino Resort Lake Charles Ticket Booth	777 Avenue L'Auberge, Lake Charles, LA 70601	Located near the hotel event center entrance, close to the hotel lobby and casino floor
Day-of Check-In	July 7, 2026	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	8:30 AM	Lake Charles Event Center	900 Lakeshore Dr, Lake Charles, LA 70601	Main conference check-in location
Day-of Check-In	July 8, 2026	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	8:00 AM	Lake Charles Event Center	900 Lakeshore Dr, Lake Charles, LA 70601	Main conference check-in location

## Parking

Free Parking is **available on-site** at the Lake Charles Event Center (900 Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, LA 70601). To help manage capacity, attendees are encouraged to carpool when possible.

## Food & Beverage

All attendees will be provided with a *complimentary continental breakfast* and a **full lunch** on **July 7 and July 8**. Coffee and water will be available for attendees throughout the day.

## Safety & Wellness

The Louisiana Center for Safe Schools (LCSS) is working with the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office and the Lake Charles Event Center to prioritize the safety and well-being of the Summit attendees. The LCSS maintains a strong partnership with local law enforcement to ensure a secure environment for all participants. Together, we ask visitors to use the same personal safety precautions and to stay vigilant as they would at home or in any destination.

## What To Bring

In preparing for the summit, LCSS encourages attendees to bring the following items:

- A sweater or other long-sleeved covering for cooler indoor temperatures.
- Mobile devices (session information & check-in will be managed through the vFairs mobile app)
- Chargers for phones, tablets, and laptops
- Computer or pen and paper for notetaking.
- An umbrella in case of inclement weather.
- Comfortable walking shoes.

## Lodging

LCSS has reserved a room block on **July 6 & 7** at the **L'Auberge Casino Resort Lake Charles** for a rate of **\$139/night**.

While no additional room blocks have been made available, many nearby hotels offer affordable rates. We recommend asking for the "State Government Rate" when booking, as many local hotels honor this lower rate for educators and state personnel with a valid ID.

Hotel	Distance to Event Center	Daily Rate	Additional Notes
<b>L'Auberge Casino Resort Lake Charles</b> 777 Avenue L'Auberge Lake Charles, LA 70601 337-395-7777	4.6 miles	\$139	<a href="#">Booking Link</a> <b>Group Code: SSS26</b> <b>Reservation Deadline:</b> 5/31/2026 <b>Check-in time:</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Check-out time:</b> 11:00 a.m.

## Contact Us

If you have additional questions, please contact your LCSS Regional Coordinator:

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For additional updates, please visit: <https://lak12schoolsafetysummit.vfairs.com>