



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ADE School Security Requests: Title IV-A

The Title IV-A grant allows LEAs to use their funding in the Safe & Healthy Students category. US Department of Education gives SEAs & LEAs guidance on the types of programs that fall under the Safe & Healthy Students Category.

Allowable activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Promoting community and parent involvement in schools
- Providing school-based mental health services and counseling
- Promoting supportive school climates to reduce the use of exclusionary discipline and promoting supportive school discipline
- Establishing or improving dropout prevention
- Supporting re-entry programs and transition services for justice-involved youth
- Implementing programs that support a healthy, active lifestyle (nutritional and physical education)
- Implementing systems and practices to prevent bullying and harassment
- Developing relationship building skills to help improve safety through the recognition and prevention of coercion, violence, or abuse
- Establishing community partnerships

(ESEA section 4108)

The emphasis of the grant is for the LEA to foster Safe & Healthy learning environments for students. This may include school security measures. To help the Arizona Department of Education in the processing of school security requests, additional steps for LEAs requesting to purchase school security measures is required.

School security measures should be rooted in evidence-based information that supports the program request, as required by **ESSA Section 4108 (5)(A)** and may include drug and violence prevention activities and programs that are evidence-based (to the extent the State, in consultation with local educational agencies in the State, determines that such evidence is reasonably available). Evidence-based research for school safety measures can be found at <https://www.schoolsafety.gov/>

Prior to requesting school security programs or personnel, it is recommended that the LEA complete the [**School Threat Assessment Toolkit**](#) which is designed to aid schools in employing behavioral threat assessment and management as part of a comprehensive violence prevention strategy.

All Title IV-A funded school security requests need to include the following:

Staff, parent, or student survey data showing the need for the requested expense, including:

- Vaping Detectors or other such devices
- School Safety Hot Line or Tip Line
- School Badge/ID Systems

For funding specific to School Resource Officers (SROs), School Security Officers (SSO), or other Security Personnel, the LEA must **also** provide the following:

- A detailed job description of their duties, including how they will impact the educational environment and the school's climate and culture
- Proof that the SRO, SSO, or other Security Personnel has attended an evidence-based training program, such as the **Arizona School Safety Program Training**

For funding specific to the following school security measures, the LEA must **also** provide an LEA School Safety/Risk Assessment or Audit conducted by a third party or government agency (law enforcement):

- School Security Equipment such as video cameras, etc.
- Hardening of School Facilities, including window and/or door locks, door barricades, fences, etc.
- Any other device or equipment deemed as a school security measure by ADE Title IV-A Program Specialists

* Please note, this list is not exhaustive and school security measures will be evaluated on an individual LEA basis.

Additional Supporting School Safety Resources:

- **[School Safety Resources from SchoolSafety.gov](#)**
- **[K-12 Site Assessment Resources](#)**
- **[Cyber Safety Resources](#)**

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