

To the Administrator Addressed

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| DATE: | August 14, 2025 |
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| SUBJECT: | School Safety Grant Reporting |
| CATEGORY: | School Safety |
| NEXT STEPS: | Complete grant programmatic reporting in Sentinel |

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is committed to supporting school systems in their efforts to improve the safety and security of school facilities for staff, students and visitors.

Overview

The TEA was appropriated\$1.5B by the Texas Legislature to support school systems in meeting the <u>adopted School Safety Standards</u>. TEA awarded this funding to school systems through the School Safety Standards Formula Grant, SAFE Cycle 1 and SAFE Cycle 2.

Programmatic Reporting Requirements

TEA will launch the next cycle of programmatic grant reporting through Sentinel, starting **August 27, 2025**, and ending **October 3, 2025**. The programmatic grant reporting will collect information from school systems about current grant expenditures. School systems receiving one or more of the above school safety grants are required to complete this programmatic reporting.

Office Hours

To support school systems through the programmatic reporting process, TEA will be hosting a series of Office Hours sessions in August and September. Additionally, TEA will post video tutorials about the programmatic reporting process in Sentinel. **Note: Office Hours attendance is optional.**

School systems can register for the Office Hour Series via **Zoom**.

Additional Resources

If you have general questions about a grant program, please email safeschools@tea.texas.gov.

Additional resources include:

- School Safety Standards Formula Grant Program Guidelines
- SAFE Cycle 1 Program Guidelines
- SAFE Cycle 2 Program Guidelines
- Grant Resources
- Expenditure Reporting