

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT SUMMARY

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| INTRODUCTION

Survey Process

The provided information is based on a survey conducted with all county boards, the multi-county vocational centers, and the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. The responses are presented as provided by the specific entities, but some data has been summarized and aligned with the report's purpose. This report was created to meet the requirements of WV Code §18-5-48.

West Virginia Code

§18-5-48. Safety and security measures for school facilities; Safe Schools Fund created.

(a) Each county board of education and multicounty vocational center shall annually assess the safety and security of each of the school facilities within its boundaries. Safety and security measures of each facility shall be upgraded when necessary to ensure, to the best of the county board's ability, the safety of the students within each facility. Each county board of education shall report annually the safety and security measures it has put in place, including upgrades thereto, to the State Department of Education. Annually, the State Department of Education shall compile the information from the county boards of education and report the information to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability.

(b) As used in this section, "safety and security measures" means action taken by a county board of education or multicounty vocational center that improves the security of a school facility and the safety of the students within such facility, including, but not limited to, hiring a school resource officer, installing weapon detection systems, upgrading facility doors or windows.

(c) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special revenue fund to be known as the Safe Schools Fund. The fund shall consist of all moneys received from legislative appropriations and other sources to further the purpose of this section: Provided, That annually, the West Virginia Department of Education shall request an appropriation based on the requests of the county boards of education. Subject to legislative appropriation, the funds appropriated annually to the School Safety Fund shall be distributed to the county boards of education and multicounty vocational centers, with the funding amount per school determined by dividing the total annual appropriation by the total number of public schools throughout the state. All moneys distributed from this fund shall be used to support the purpose and intent of this section and all moneys must be spent to support the school for which the funding was derived: Provided, however, That moneys distributed from this fund also may be used for the purposes of §18-20-11 of this code, relating to video cameras in certain special education classrooms: Provided further, That for any distributions for the 2019-2020 year and continuing until such time that all districts have fully complied with the special education video camera requirements, county boards shall have the flexibility to spend the safe schools allocation at any school within the district requiring cameras in special education classrooms. The West Virginia Department of Education shall first allocate the funding appropriated for the Safe Schools Fund for the 2020-2021 year based on the remaining need for video cameras in each district. After all districts have been provided sufficient funds to meet the special education video camera requirements, the funding distribution shall return to the previously specified method based on the number of public schools. Any moneys remaining in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall be carried forward for use in the next fiscal year. Fund balances shall be invested with the state's Consolidated Investment Fund and any and all interest shall be used solely for the purposes that moneys deposited in the fund may be used pursuant to this article.

| STATE-WIDE SAFETY AND SECURITY SUMMARY DATA

Total amount spent on safety and security measures during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. This number represents the total amount counties spent and specifically tagged in WVEIS under the safety and security codes.

\$15,273,237

Current County Data

Total Number of Schools	Total number of schools that do not have "Safe Schools Entries/Mantraps"	Total number of schools that do not have an exterior door number system that is visible from 200 ft. and in low light conditions.	Total number of schools that do not display room numbers on exterior walls or windows to assist first responders in identifying room numbers from the outside.	Total number of schools that have weapon detection systems or metal detectors.
684	327	64	135	53

Prevention and Resource Officer Current Data and Needs

Total number of schools with a full-time school resource officer in 2021-22	Total number of schools with a full-time prevention resource officer in 2021-22	Total number of schools with a part-time school resource officer in 2021-22	Total number of schools with a part-time prevention resource officer in 2021-22	Total number of schools where the county feels a school resource officer is needed	Total number of schools where the county feels a prevention resource officer is needed
97	73	75	46	388	347

The data provided on this page is summary information that was compiled based on responses from individual counties and multi-county centers. The individual responses are not provided in this report to protect the safety and security of those entities. The individual responses may be provided to the necessary authorities for the purpose of safety and security needs assessment and planning.

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Safety and Security Funding Requests

The number in parentheses below represents the number of counties or multi-county centers that made a request in the specified category of need.

Total amount requested for secure school entries	Total amount requested for cameras	Total amount requested for school resource officers	Total amount requested for prevention resource officers	
\$87,048,791 (42)	\$12,432,081 (44)	\$20,199,200 (36)	\$10,488,200 (29)	
Total amount requested for weapon detection systems	Total amount requested for doors and windows	Total amount requested for security lighting	Total amount requested for security barriers or fencing	Total amount requested for "other" safety and security needs
\$24,732,425 (36)	\$50,404,003 (40)	\$11,095,001 (29)	\$15,675,000 (34)	\$15,105,731 (28)
Common survey responses to “other” safety and security needs				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employment of a Safe Schools Director• Improved access control for exterior and interior doors• Improved communication methods (panic buttons, phones, radios, apps, etc.)• Guard houses at campus entries• Security at extracurricular activities• Additional classroom door security• Improved signage for emergency response teams• Visitor and emergency management software• Improved road access for emergency response teams				
Total amount requested for Safety and Security needs				
\$247,180,432				



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