



ESSER Safety Security Reimbursement Request

In compliance with ESSER requirements and in supporting school safety, OPI is making available \$200 reimbursement to schools for performing Safety/Security needs assessments. These needs assessments are sometimes referred to as a *vulnerability assessment* and may include the following: review of outside and inside facility, school program/practices/policies, crisis management/response, communication protocols (community, staff, parents, students), staff climate surveys, transportation, and training. There are several agencies that provide these services.

If interested in receiving the \$200 assessment reimbursement please contact ESSER Team for further details or submit request with documentation (certification) into the portal [here](#). If you have already contracted for these services the funds can be reimbursable back to July 1, 2022. Compliances of reimbursement are:

- Safety and Security needs assessment was completed, and report obtained after July 1, 2022.
- Safety and Security needs assessment report was reviewed by Board of Trustees.
- Board of Trustees and Authorized Representative understands that the reimbursement of needs assessment up to \$200 does not cover the costs of any recommendations in the report.
- Uploaded reimbursement invoice for the \$200 requested is required. The uploaded document is in PDF format with the name of the school and LE# within the file name. Example: Summit Elementary 1234 ESSER Safety Security \$200 request

ESSER FAQ related to the topic of security can be found by reviewing the full [FAQ December 2022](#) document. Some of the highlights from that FAQ are below. Feel free to contact the ESSER team for more information.

Much of the [FAQ December 2022 Section B](#) relates to Safety and Security. Please review these guidelines and ask for clarification from the ESSER Team.

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