

TEXAS SCHOOL MARSHAL PROGRAM

THE STATE OF TEXAS HAS HAD A LICENSING PROGRAM TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO CARRY A FIREARM ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS SINCE 2013. THE SCHOOL MARSHAL PROGRAM HAS NOW GROWN TO 256 LICENSED SCHOOL MARSHALS FROM 62 DISTRICTS.

TCOLE SCHOOL MARSHAL PROGRAM

The Texas Legislature allows public school districts, open enrollment charter schools, public two-year junior colleges, and private schools, to appoint School Marshals through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement School Marshal Program.

The sole purpose of the School Marshal is to prevent the act of murder or serious bodily injury on school premises. A School Marshal may only act as defined by the written regulations adopted by the School Board or Governing Body.

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL MARSHAL PROGRAM GRANT

The Governor's Office provides the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement a generous grant, created in 2018, which covers the initial training for the School Marshal Program as well as the renewal courses. This includes the cost of tuition, the 700 ammunition rounds required for the course, and a reimbursement for the required L3 psychological exam. This makes a huge impact for the district which would only need to use out-of-pocket funds for travel expenses.

POINT OF CONTACT

The ISD or Charter School shall email a completed copy of the necessary form/letters/regulations to schoolmarshal@tcole.texas.gov.

For questions about TCOLE's School Marshal Program, or to apply, please contact Chris Varady at Chris.Varady@tcole.texas.gov or (512) 936-7373.

REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ EMPLOYEE OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT
- ☒ APPROVED BY GOVERNING BODY
- ☒ HAVE A CURRENT LTC
- ☒ PASS A PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAM (L3)
- ☒ COMPLETE THE 80-HOUR SCHOOL MARSHAL COURSE
- ☒ SUBMIT SCHOOL MARSHAL APPOINTMENT FORM AND FEE
- ☒ COMPLETE 16-HOUR RENEWAL COURSE EVERY 2 YEARS

SCHOOL MARSHAL COURSE

Among the topics covered in the School Marshal course are:

- physical security,
- improving the security of the campus
- use of force
- active shooter response
- weapon proficiency

No other course can be substituted or exempt an individual from the specific school marshal training course.

