



COLORADO
School Safety Resource Center
Department of Public Safety
700 Kipling St., Suite 1000
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The Colorado School Safety Resource Center's (CSSRC) Youth Advisory Group Call for Applicants

The Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC/Center) is housed within the Colorado Department of Public Safety and was created in 2008 by the Colorado legislature. The Center provides school safety support to all Colorado schools pre-k through 12th grade and higher education. CSSRC offers free resources and training related to safe learning and positive school climates. Please visit our website for more information about us and our current resources for safe and positive schools: www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC

Council Name: Youth Engaged for School Safety - YES²

Mission: The YES² provides feedback and recommendations to the Colorado School Safety Resource Center Advisory Board, Director and other partner agencies, about issues related to school safety and positive school climates.

Who is eligible to serve on the YES²? Any youth entering grades 9 through 12 in the 2021-2022 school year is eligible to serve.

The YES² is interested in students with:

- Passion and energy for contributing to safe and positive school environments for all students
- Leadership potential and developed/developing peer social skills in order to convey the Council's recommendations and feedback
- Consideration for the input of others and the ability to respect differing perspectives
- Availability to attend scheduled meetings coordinated by the CSSRC
- Ability to work collaboratively with adults and peers
- Ability to make and keep commitments to follow through on projects and assignments
- Ability to adhere to expectations and guidelines, including school behavior

Key Responsibilities for YES² Members:

- Commit to one year of time to attend regularly scheduled meetings
- Able to attend approximately four (4) one to two-hour virtual meetings throughout the year, the full-day Student-Staff Summit in December 2021 and the Advisory Board Meeting on April 5, 2022 at 1:30PM.
- Able to attend a team-building and orientation training in July of 2021.
- Able to learn about youth safety and positive environment needs and assets in school districts throughout Colorado
- Able to offer suggestions and make collective recommendations
- Help support and promote school safety and positive environments to youth and adults



- Work under the direction of the YES² facilitators and CSSRC Director or designee
- Provide input and unique perspective to the work of the CSSRC
- Promote awareness within their school district and community of the CSSRC
- Help in the recruitment and retention of other YES² members

Stipend: Consultation fee of \$15 per hour for YES² meeting attendance and reimbursement for mileage/travel expenses as appropriate and authorized.

Training: The YES² facilitators will offer a team-building training and school safety overview for all selected members. This training will be held virtually in July, 2021.

Application Process: Youth are required to submit the following:

- 1 - A Youth Engaged for School Safety - YES² Advisory Group Application
- 2 - Parent/Guardian Permission to Apply Letter
- 3 - Two Confidential Reference Forms completed by a teacher, coach or community leader who knows you well and is not related to you

Applications and all other necessary paperwork can be obtained from the Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC) website and returned to:

Dustin Hunter, School Outreach Consultant
Colorado School Safety Resource Center
700 Kipling Street, Suite 1000
Lakewood, CO 80215
Or by email to dustin.hunter@state.co.us

The Application Deadline is **Friday, May 28, 2021.**

Appointment Process: The CSSRC will review applications, conduct interviews, and make official appointments to the YES² by **Friday, June 25, 2021.** All appointments are final and are within the discretion of the Director of the CSSRC. **All are encouraged to apply.** The CSSRC honors and respects diversity and does not discriminate based upon gender, disability, race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation. If appointed, you will have the option to submit a letter of intent for the next school year.

Questions? If you have any questions about YES² or the appointment process, please contact the Center at 720.607.1027 or by email at dustin.hunter@state.co.us.



Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC)

Youth Engaged for School Safety - YES²

Advisory Council Application

Name: _____

Preferred Pronouns: ____

Birth Date:

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone:

Cell Phone: _____

School Currently Attending:

Current Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian name:

Parent/Guardian email:

Parent/Guardian cell: _____

1. If you could describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

2. What are some important issues you feel students are facing regarding school safety and positive learning environments?

6. Participation on the Youth Advisory Council may involve creating and implementing a project at your school. Please write a short response (no more than 2 pages) describing what school safety topic you would choose and why. What method(s) would you use to implement your project ideas? (Attach additional pages as needed.)

- 7. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken as a result of your behavior in school? Have you ever been suspended? Have you ever been a witness to a crime or victim of a crime? Have you ever been accused of a crime or charged with a crime, either in the juvenile or adult systems? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please explain the circumstances regarding the incident(s). Your disciplinary or criminal history will NOT automatically disqualify you from service on the council.**



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PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION TO APPLY LETTER *(For The Colorado School Safety Resource Center's - Youth Engaged for School Safety - YES² Youth Advisory Group)*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is applying to participate in *The Colorado School Safety Resource Center's (CSSRC) - Youth Engaged for School Safety - YES², Youth Advisory Group*. The CSSRC was created by the Colorado Legislature in 2008, and is housed within the state of Colorado's Department of Public Safety.

The CSSRC collaboratively assists local schools and communities to create safe and positive school environments for all Colorado students in pre-k through 12th grade and higher education schools. The CSSRC supports schools and local agencies in their efforts to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from all types of emergencies and crisis situations. The CSSRC provides free consultation, resources, training, and technical assistance related to safe learning, positive school climates and early intervention. Please visit our website for more information about us and our current resources for safe and positive schools: www.colorado.gov/CSSRC

Application Process: Youth are required to submit the following:

- 1 - A Youth Engaged for School Safety - YES² Advisory Group Application
- 2 - Parent/Guardian Permission to Apply Letter - signed and dated.
- 3 - Two Confidential Reference Forms completed by a teacher, coach, or community leader who knows the student well and is not related to the student.

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If selected to serve with this advisory group, your child will be asked to participate in a peer group of other students from around the state to offer feedback and recommendations to the CSSRC related to issues of school safety and positive environments. The YES² group will be supervised by employees of the CSSRC always with at least two employees present. The CSSRC believes that the collaborative work between members of the YES² and the CSSRC can benefit your child by being part of a state group working on school safety issues, helping your child learn how to work well on a diverse team, and learning how to critically think about and express ideas that are important to them. Appointments are for one year. YES² Advisory Group members will be expected to **attend approximately six meetings**. Meetings are expected to be virtual throughout the 2021-2022 school year. They typically last one to two hours, with the exception of the full day Student-Staff Summit, which is expected to take place in December, 2021.



CSSRC staff hope to host one in-person event but are unable to plan for such a meeting as circumstances currently exist. If the event occurs, YES² members will be reimbursed for travel and meals. If traveling from more than 50 miles outside of the Denver metro area, lodging will also be provided. Members will need to have support of a parent or guardian to travel and stay overnight if living outside the Denver metro area. For those traveling from out of town, a parent or guardian will be required to chaperone the student during the evening and when the student is not attending the scheduled training event. Details will be sent to all selected youth.

The in-person meetings, including the retreat, will be held in the Denver metro area.

Students will be paid a consultation fee of \$15/hour for YES² meeting attendance and reimbursement for mileage at the state rate (currently set at \$.52/mile, but subject to change). This will require a W-9 form completed for your child in order to make payment from the state of Colorado. As a state agency, it is imperative that students return their completed expense reports within 21 days of the reimbursable event so that we can submit the requests within state guidelines. Your assistance in securing signatures and guiding your student through these financial processes is greatly appreciated.

If your child would like to participate in the program, please grant your permission by signing below. Should you have any questions, please contact Dustin Hunter at 720.607.1027.

Thank you for your time and support. We hope this program will be of great benefit to everyone involved.

Sincerely,

Christine R. Harms, M.S.
CSSRC Director

I give permission for my child, _____, to participate in the Colorado School Safety Resource Center's Youth Engaged for School Safety (YES²) advisory group.

During my child's participation in any YES² Program event or activity, an employee of the Department of Public Safety may photograph and/or record (video) the event or activity and my child's image may be used by the CSSRC for school safety promotional purposes. I agree to release to and authorize the CSSRC to use any photograph/video containing my child's image, as described above, in print or electronic media including, but not limited to, the CSSRC public website and social media platforms, to promote school safety.

I understand the nature and expectations of the YES² and will use my best efforts to support its mission. I reserve the right to withdraw my child from the program at any time.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

email _____ cell _____



Confidential Reference Form for Application for Membership to the YES² *

**Youth Advisory Group – Youth Engaged for School Safety - YES²
Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC)**

Please have a teacher, coach, or community leader who knows you well (who is not related to you) complete this form. Thank you for your time!

This form will be reviewed by the CSSRC staff and selection committee only. The information provided will not be shared with the applicant.

***Directions for References:** The applicant has chosen you to provide information about his/her suitability to serve on the Youth Advisory Group for the Colorado School Safety Resource Center, YES². Your information is crucial to our decision-making, so we ask that you be completely candid and thorough in your assessment. We believe that the best way to accomplish this is for your input to be treated as confidential. Therefore, we ask that you not share this form with the applicant, and that you place your completed form in an envelope with your signature across the seal.

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You may also email this form to dustin.hunter@state.co.us.
Please return the form ASAP.

Name of Applicant: _____ **School:** _____
Reference Name: _____
Reference Email: _____ **Phone #:** _____
How do you know the Applicant? _____
How long have you known the Applicant? _____

Please evaluate the Applicant by marking the appropriate box:

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always	Don't Know
Demonstrates age-appropriate maturity					
Demonstrates follow-through					
Is dependable and reliable					
Is on-time, with good attendance					
Is accepting of diverse populations					
Is willing to hear different views					
Can lead or follow as needed					
Possesses a positive attitude					
Demonstrates self-motivation					
Is creative and innovative					

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