

Purpose:

The [Safe and Caring Schools Policy](#) provides guidance to schools and the districts in the development and maintenance of safe and inclusive learning environments.

The Special Initiatives Grant aims to support specific initiatives in schools that are student focused, and provide leadership in developing and sustaining safe, caring and inclusive school environments.

Specifically, the goal is to:

- ✓ Support the implementation of the safe, caring and inclusive action(s) identified in your school development plan.
- ✓ Support the implementation of key components of the [Safe and Caring Schools Policy](#) such as social-emotional learning, restorative justice, violence and bullying prevention, healthy relationships, digital citizenship, equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism.
- ✓ Help sustain partnerships and actions that support a positive school climate.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Initiatives may be school-based or regionally-based.
- ✓ Initiatives must take place during the current school year.
- ✓ Initiatives must be linked with the school development plan and/or CSFP/NLSchools strategic plan.
- ✓ Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate significant student engagement and benefit the whole school community.

Application Process:

- ✓ Please forward applications to the Safe and Inclusive Schools Itinerant assigned to your family of schools. **All applications must be received on or before November 1st, 2024.**

Funding Guidelines:

- ✓ A grant of up to **\$1000** will be provided depending upon the scope of the initiative.
- ✓ Projected budget costs must be included with the application.
- ✓ Funding may be used to cover the purchase of materials and/or travel expenses. Funding cannot be used for salaries (e.g., project coordinator) or the purchase of computers.
- ✓ School-based initiatives must be student-centered and supervised by an adult approved by the school administration.
- ✓ All payments/reimbursements by the school must be completed by **February 28th, 2025**. Copies of receipts and processed cheques must be submitted to EDU in time for reimbursement by March 31st, 2025.

Evaluation:

Recipients must submit the Special Initiatives Grant Summary Report to your Safe and Inclusive Schools Itinerant by **May 31st, 2025**.

**Applications must be made on the application form and submitted to the Safe and Inclusive Schools Itinerant for your family of schools.
You may attach supporting documentation.**