

House Bill 2 Testimony
Montana Office of Public Instruction
Learn and Serve Homeland Security Grant
Program 09

A Learn and Serve Homeland Security Grant was recently awarded to the Office of Public Instruction by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The State Superintendent requests the authority to distribute to eligible school districts \$273,000 in each year of the biennium. Funding will provide six grants of \$45,500 each year of the biennium to six school districts.

The Learn and Serve Homeland Security Grant will involve students in community service connected to academics. The community service will assist schools and communities in emergency preparedness. Examples of student learning activities will include the following:

1. Students will be trained in Geographic Information Services connected to the science and math curriculum in order to develop safe emergency routes between homes and schools.
2. Students will develop emergency preparedness kits for homes and schools.
3. Students will develop Web sites about emergency preparedness procedures.
4. Students will develop emergency preparedness brochures for distribution in the community.
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