

November 2019

# SHESC Messenger

## DOJ Grants Nearly \$250K to SHESC

Smoky Hill Education Service Center has received a grant of \$249,998 for the development of anonymous reporting solutions in addressing school safety. The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), announced the grant to SHESC on October 21.

The OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) awarded \$29.5 million nationwide through its STOP School Violence Technology and Threat Assessment Solutions for Safer Schools Program. The program is authorized under the STOP School Violence Act of 2018.

SHESC was the only institution in Kansas to receive a grant under the program, which awarded 68 grants to local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes and public agencies. The program directly helps schools by providing school administrators, staff, students and first responders with the ability to use threat assessments, crisis intervention teams and anonymous reporting technology.



SHESC will use the grant to support both existing and planned services for school districts that are designed to address bullying and school violence.

Chris Modellmog, Executive Director of SHESC, said the DOJ grant will make a substantial difference at SHESC as it fulfills its mission of providing services to more than 50 school districts across 25 Kansas counties. More than 31,000 students and 2,700 teachers and administrators served by SHESC will benefit from the grant.

“Our vision with this grant is to help as many schools in Kansas as possible to grow a culture of safety and security,” Modellmog said. “A grant this large goes a long way toward supporting that goal.”

## Engage Students With Rockets!

Part 2 of “Using Space Exploration and NASA Activities in the Classroom” will focus on how to use rocketry to interest students in STEM fields.

These lessons can apply to all grade levels and include the history of rockets, their role in history, and the science of rocket launch and control. Lessons can be used to meet goals or requirements in inquiry learning, project-based learning and cross-curricular lessons.

Receive instruction on how to construct and launch a variety of model rockets; and bring home a model rocket, launch pad and controller as part of the class fee.

Contact Pam Kraus at [pkraus@smokyhill.org](mailto:pkraus@smokyhill.org) with questions!



### Part 2—Rockets!!

Nov. 12—Salina

Nov. 14—Hays

[go.smokyhill.org/space](http://go.smokyhill.org/space)

### Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities!

**Nov. 1 (Hays)**  
AAA Driver Improvement

**Nov. 5 (Salina)**  
Project-Based Learning 4:  
Student Voice and Choice and  
Reflection/Critique

**Nov. 6 (Salina)**  
CTE User Group

**Nov. 6 (Hays)**  
Setting Up a Classroom for  
Personalized Learning:  
Voice, Choice and Space

**Nov. 6 (Salina) or 20 (Hays)**  
Student Engagement Versus  
Student Participation

**Nov. 7 (Salina)**  
Introduction to Energy  
Teacher Workshop

**Nov. 8 (Salina)**  
KESA Systems Training Fall  
2019, KSDE Staff

**Nov. 11 (Hays)**  
Medic First Aid

**Nov. 12 (Salina) or 14 (Hays)**  
Using Space Exploration and  
NASA Activities

**Nov. 18 (Salina)**  
Addressing the Issue of  
Poverty and Scarcity

**Nov. 19 (Hays) or 21 (Salina)**  
Our Language Matters

**Nov. 19 (Salina)**  
Understanding Computer  
Science Standards  
Implementations Initiative

**Nov. 20 (Salina)**  
Chronic Absenteeism

**VISIT:** [go.smokyhill.org/workshops](http://go.smokyhill.org/workshops) for more information (detailed descriptions, times and availability of college credit) and [register.smokyhill.org/register](http://register.smokyhill.org/register) to register for these events.

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## Boost ACT Test Scores, Save Money With New Method Test Prep Offer

Method Test Prep and Smoky Hill Education Service Center are partnering to offer a more than **20% discount** on “Power Classes,” which include essential strategies and content for students who want to raise their ACT test scores.

Each two-hour, teacher-led online class offers practical, focused study on a different subject area of the ACT test: critical reading, math, writing and science concepts.

Beyond this, Method Test Prep exposes students to the test-taking strategies that make the difference. The ACT is a predictable test, which means students can improve their scores if they understand how the tests work and apply useful strategies.

Method Test Prep classes help students develop the confidence and knowledge they need to improve their ACT test scores.

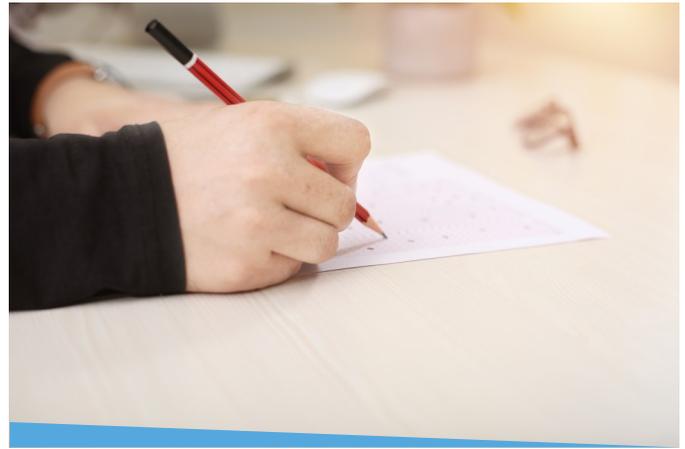
**All classes are recorded for later viewing!**

**Cost per class:** ~~\$70~~ \$55!

**Subject areas available:** English, Math, Reading and Science

**For more information:**

- [www.methodtestprep.com](http://www.methodtestprep.com)
- [go.smokyhill.org/MTP](http://go.smokyhill.org/MTP)
- 877-971-PREP (877-971-7737)



### How to Save

- 1) Call 785-825-9185 for a special SHESC code.
- 2) Go to [bit.ly/actpowerclass](http://bit.ly/actpowerclass) and select classes.
- 3) At checkout, enter the code under “Coupon code.”
- 4) Complete checkout.

*“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”*  
- W.B. Yeats, Poet

## Schools of Character Recognition Program Deadline December 6

Teachers are trusted role models for young people every day.

The Kansas State School of Character program recognizes this important position of teachers and those schools that positively influence the social, emotional and character development of their students. Consider applying to the program if you:

- Have worked to intentionally change the culture and climate of your school building.
- Helped to build an environment in your building where all students feel safe, respected and connected with others.
- Developed conditions where students are allowed to thrive academically and socially, and feel motivated to give back to their communities.

Complete the application process at [www.character.org](http://www.character.org). This extensive and deliberate process will require self-reflection, documentation and feedback. It will evaluate how a school is putting the 11 Principles of Effective



# Schools of Character

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Since 1992

Character Education into practice. The best applicant or applicants advance to the national level for review as National Schools of Character. The application deadline is **December 6**. The State School of Character has an application fee of \$250 payable to Character.org.

Kansas has a strong history of success with the program, with 16 State and 10 National Schools of Character.

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