



## ARKANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### *High School CERT Development Project*



### ATTENTION: ALL FACULTY AND STAFF:

As we all know, there is the potential for disasters and mass casualty events that could impact our school and community, when immediate action by professional responders may be delayed due to the overwhelming nature of the event. In response to this situation, we are looking for faculty members that would be interested in receiving basic first aid and response training known as Community Emergency Response Training (CERT). Trained faculty would serve as Team Leaders for the High School CERT team established as part of the Arkansas School Safety Commission guidelines approved by the Office of the Governor in 2022.

CERT provides students with an opportunity to participate in a program that will not only provide an excellent opportunity to develop leadership and community service skills, but will also explore interest in future opportunities in the career fields of fire services, law enforcement, emergency medical services and emergency management.

A minimum of six students in grades 9-12 would be selected to receive training and response equipment to serve on the school team. **Trained students would receive up to 15 hours of community service credit toward their graduation requirements.** Additional students may be trained and rotated off the team at regular intervals to maximize participation.

For more information, please contact your building principal or your Community Health Nurse Specialist at your local Educational Service Cooperative. You may also contact the State Community Preparedness Coordinator at the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management at

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