

**U.S. Department of Education**  
**Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools**  
**Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative**

**Background**

Since 1999, the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice have collaborated on the Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Initiative. The SS/HS Initiative is a discretionary grant program that provides students, schools, and communities with federal funding to implement an enhanced, coordinated, comprehensive plan of activities, programs, and services that focus on promoting healthy childhood development and preventing violence and alcohol and other drug abuse. Eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) or a consortium of LEAs, in partnership with their community's local public mental health authority, local law enforcement agency, and local juvenile justice entity, are able to submit a single application for federal funds to support a variety of activities, curriculums, programs, and services.

The SS/HS Initiative draws on the best practices of education, justice, social services, and mental health systems to provide integrated and comprehensive resources for prevention programs and prosocial services for youth. To apply for SS/HS, FY 2004 grantees and their partners proposed an integrated, comprehensive, communitywide, and community-specific plan to address the problems of school violence and alcohol and other drug abuse. This plan focused on six elements:

- ◆ Element 1: Safe school environment.
- ◆ Element 2: Alcohol and other drugs and violence prevention and early intervention programs.
- ◆ Element 3: School and community mental health preventive and treatment intervention services.
- ◆ Element 4: Early childhood psychosocial and emotional development programs.
- ◆ Element 5: Supporting and connecting schools and communities.
- ◆ Element 6: Safe school policies.

SS/HS grantee's comprehensive plans are designed to provide students, schools, and families with a network of effective services, supports, and activities that help students develop the skills and emotional resilience necessary to promote positive mental health, engage in prosocial behavior, and prevent violent behavior and drug use; create schools and communities that are a safe, disciplined, and drug-free environment; and engage parents, community organizations, and social services agencies to help develop an infrastructure that will institutionalize and sustain successful grant components after federal funding has ended.

SS/HS grant applicants are eligible for 3 consecutive years of funding. Continuation funding is subject to the availability of federal funds and progress achieved by the

grantee. The maximum yearly award for SS/HS grants is \$1 million for rural school districts and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) schools, \$2 million for suburban school districts, and \$3 million for urban districts.

In making awards under this grant program, the federal SS/HS partners may (1) take into consideration the geographic distribution and diversity of activities addressed by the projects, in addition to the rank order of the applicant's scores, and (2) in accordance with Section 75.217 (d) of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations, ensure equitable distribution of grants under this initiative among urban, suburban, rural, and BIA LEAs. Contingent on the availability of funds, the federal SS/HS partners may make additional awards in fiscal year (FY) 2005 from the rank-ordered list of scores of unfunded applicants from this competition.

### **Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative**

#### **FY 2004 New Grant Awards**

##### **ALASKA**

Juneau  
City and Borough of Juneau School District, \$960,730  
Contact: Peggy Cowan, Superintendent, (907)363-1700

##### **ARIZONA**

Yuma  
Yuma Elementary School District, \$2,627,041  
Contact: Tom Rushin, Superintendent, (928) 502-4303  
*COPS Award: \$500,000*

##### **ARKANSAS**

West Memphis  
West Memphis School District, \$2,875,066  
Contact: Bill Kessinger, Superintendent, (870) 735-1915

##### **CALIFORNIA**

Bakersfield  
Bakersfield City School District, \$ 2,601,628  
Contact: Dr. Jean Fuller, Superintendent, (661) 631-4611

##### **Cerritos**

ABC Unified School District, \$1,904,539  
Contact: Ronald Barnes, Ed.D., Superintendent, (562) 926-5566

##### **Napa**

Napa County Office of Education, \$1,922,267  
Contact: Barbara Nemko, Superintendent, (707) 253-6810

##### **GEORGIA**

Alamo  
Wheeler County Board of Education, \$953,182

Contact: Wm. Ronny Clark, (912) 568-7198

**IDAHO**

Lapwai

Lapwai School District, \$957,789

Contact: Harold Ott, Superintendent, (208) 843-2622

**ILLINOIS**

Joliet

Joliet Township High School District, \$1,241,380

Contact: Dr. Paul Swanstrom, Superintendent, (815) 727-6970

Junction

Gallatin County School District, \$946,681

Contact: Les Oyler, Superintendent, (618) 272-3821

**INDIANA**

Crawfordsville

Crawfordsville Community School Corporation, \$953,195

Contact: Dr. Kathleen J. Steele, Superintendent, (765) 362-2342

**IOWA**

Lineville

Lineville-Clio Community School District, \$862,815

Contact: Robert McCurdy, Superintendent, (641) 876-5345

Waukon

Allamakee Community School District, \$946,919

Contact: John Speer, Superintendent, (563) 568-3409

**LOUISIANA**

Lafayette

Lafayette Parish School System, \$2,814,465

Contact: James H. Easton, Ed.D., Superintendent, (337) 236-6825

**MASSACHUSETTES**

Boston

Boston Public Schools, \$2,871,774

Contact: Thomas W. Payzant, Superintendent, (617) 635-9050

**MISSOURI**

Cabool

Cabool R-IV School District, \$957,540

Contact: Wesley L. Davis, Superintendent, (417) 962-3153

**NEW JERSEY**

Hackensack

Bergen County Technical Schools District, \$1,610,657

Contact: John Grieco, Ed.D., Superintendent, (201) 343-6000

*COPS AWARD: \$250,000*

**NEW YORK**

Mount Vernon  
Mount Vernon City School District, \$1,830,804  
Contact: Brenda L. Smith, Superintendent, (914) 665-5201

**NORTH CAROLINA**

Laurinburg  
Scotland County Schools, \$947,980  
Contact: Dr. Shirley B. Prince, Superintendent, (910) 276-1138

**OHIO**

Sandusky  
Sandusky City Schools, \$915,288  
Contact: William Pahl, Superintendent, (419) 621-2718

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Chester  
Chester County School District, \$956,753  
Contact: Barry E. Campbell, Superintendent, (803) 581-9501

Manning  
Clarendon County School District Two, \$954,017  
Contact: John Tindall, Superintendent, (803) 435-4435  
*COPS Award: \$183,820*

**TENNESSEE**

Franklin  
Franklin Special School District, \$1,912,648  
Contact: David L. Snowden, Ph.D., Superintendent, (615) 794-6624

**WASHINGTON**

Spokane  
Spokane School District #81, \$2,762,384  
Contact: Dr. Brian L. Benzel, Superintendent, (509) 354-7364

Total FY 2004 New Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative Grants: \$38,287,541

*Total FY 2004 COPS Awards to Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grantees: \$933,820*

**Grand Total: \$39,221,361**