

The Safe Schools/ Healthy Students Initiative: A Legacy of Success

Improving Schools.**Building** Communities.**Changing** Lives.



Our **[INSERT INITIATIVE NAME]** is part of the national Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative (SS/HS), an unprecedented approach to create safer schools for America's youth, free from violence and substance use. SS/HS has been helping communities for nearly 12 years, and **[INSERT INITIATIVE NAME]** is one of 365 select communities currently taking part in this proven-to-work effort.

SAFE SCHOOLS/HEALTHY STUDENTS WORKS!

Data show that schools and students are safer with the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative (SS/HS). Since 1999, communities like **[INSERT COMMUNITY NAME]** have seen reductions in youth violence and substance use because of this one-of-a-kind program.

The evaluation of SS/HS communities across the country found that as the result of their local initiatives:

- Fewer students reported witnessing and experiencing violence.
- Teachers and students reported feeling safer in school.
- School staff saw improvements in their school's safety.
- More than 90 percent of school staff said they saw fewer violent incidents at school.
- Nearly 80 percent of school staff said their communities were less violent and that fewer students were using drugs and alcohol.

HOW OUR COMMUNITY HAS IMPROVED

Just like this promising national study, **[INSERT INITIATIVE NAME]** also has seen great successes because of our local SS/HS Initiative:

- **Example A: [INSERT LOCAL DATA/STATISTICS/STORIES ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF SS/HS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY]**
- **Example B: [INSERT LOCAL DATA/STATISTICS/STORIES ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF SS/HS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY]**
- **Example C: [INSERT LOCAL DATA/STATISTICS/STORIES ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF SS/HS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY]**

[INSERT QUOTE, GRAPH, OR ANECDOTE. An example follows.]

“No school can be a great school until it is a safe school.”

– Arne Duncan Secretary, U.S. Department of Education

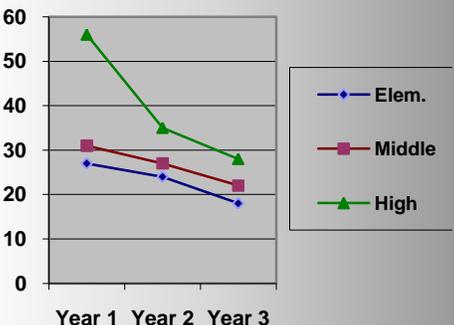


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Violent Incidents



THE SAFE SCHOOLS/HEALTHY STUDENTS DIFFERENCE

Because of SS/HS, schools and communities became safer and fewer students were exposed to violence. Part of this success is the required collaboration built into each grant program. School districts must form strong partnerships with their local mental health, juvenile justice, and law enforcement agencies. This approach fosters unprecedented local collaboration that enables true positive change, allowing communities to do more with fewer resources.

Here in [INSERT COMMUNITY NAME] our partners include:

- [INSERT NAME OF PARTNER]

Together, we have broken down silos and used data to make decisions about what our community needs. We've implemented programs and services to meet those needs so that our children can learn and develop in a safer and healthier environment.

[IF AVAILABLE, INSERT POSITIVE OUTCOME OF PARTNERSHIP OR EXAMPLE OF OUTCOME FROM COLLABORATION]

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Your support can help ensure that this important work continues.

[INSERT CALL-TO-ACTION FOR YOUR SPECIFIC AUDIENCE]

ABOUT SS/HS

[INSERT INITIATIVE NAME] is part of the Federal Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative (SS/HS), a unique collaboration between the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice. Safe Schools/Healthy Students addresses rising concerns about youth violence, substance abuse, school safety, and the mental and emotional health of students through grants to local community partnerships throughout the country. Grantees and their partners focus on five key areas: safe school environments and violence prevention; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention; school and community mental health services; early childhood social and emotional learning programs; and student behavioral, social, and emotional supports.

INSERT YOUR LOGO HERE, IF APPLICABLE

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