



Snapshot of U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS) Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) Grant to Louisiana Department of Education

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED TO LOUISIANA (2010-2014): \$3,211,259

LSSSI PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Louisiana Safe and Supportive Schools Initiative (LSSSI) primarily sought to reduce high rates of drug- and violence-related behavior in 42 schools across eight school districts. The LSSSI worked with participating districts and schools to use annual school climate survey data – as well as discipline, incident, and administrative data – to choose and implement interventions tailored to those districts' and schools' specific populations and needs. The LSSSI used a model called Positive Approaches for Safe and Supportive Schools (PASSS), which was designed to improve learning conditions related to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and violence. PASSS also enhanced support programs for students to address mental health needs, family needs, and academic performance. This comprehensive approach to measurement and assessment increased capacity by establishing a sustainable system of data use to drive interventions aimed at addressing the most high-need areas of the school environment.

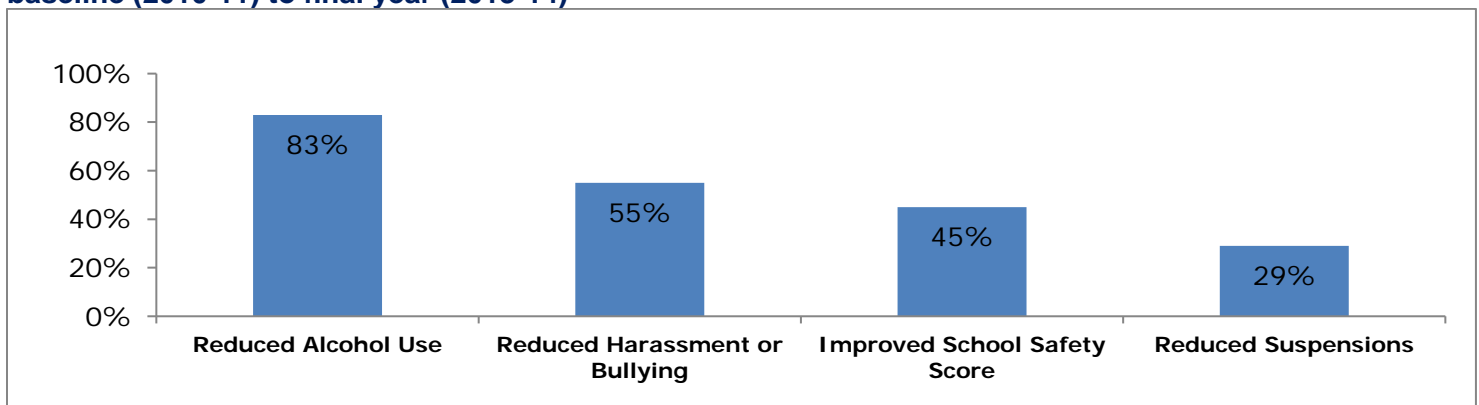
GOAL OF THE SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

S3 grantees reported annually on the number of participating schools with:

- A decreased percentage of students who reported alcohol use in the past 30 days;
- A decreased percentage of students who reported harassment or bullying on school property;
- Improvement of school safety scores (as defined by each grantee); and
- A decrease in the number of suspensions for violence without injury.

SUCCESSSES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Percentage of fully implemented participating LSSSI schools that improved on GPRA measures, baseline (2010-11) to final year (2013-14)



- The LSSSI engaged multiple partners through its S3 grant, including the Louisiana Governor's Office and Attorney General's Office, the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals, community mental health agencies, and child welfare and attendance programs.
- The LSSSI also strove to ensure its students' voices were heard through Leadership Summits and a School Climate Institute that developed leadership skills and resulted in Youth Climate Teams in some districts.
- LSSSI School Climate coaches facilitated training for staff, including Mental Health First Aid, in the summer of 2014, which was also offered to non-LSSSI districts and community partners.

DATA SOURCES

The LSSSI was a data-driven effort that utilized administrative and survey data to focus school climate improvement efforts, decide where to concentrate resources, and help select appropriate interventions.

Administrative Data

Administrative, attendance, truancy rate, suspension, and expulsion data were collected gathered from the [Student Information System](#) (SIS). School coaches also provided monthly reports on referrals, suspensions, and expulsions.

School Climate Surveys

The LSSSI modified surveys from the California School Climate, Health, and Learning Survey System and administered its version annually each spring from 2011-14 to students, parents, and teachers.

School Climate Safety Scores

Louisiana School Climate Scores were based on four unique factors assessed through the LSSSI Student Survey and school-level incident data from the SIS: supports and engagement (40 percent); rates of violence, victimization, and substance use (40 percent); attendance rate (10 percent); and discipline rate (10 percent).

INTERVENTION FRAMEWORKS, PROGRAMS, AND PRACTICES

Frameworks	
• Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS)	
Programs	
• Alcohol Edu*	• Project Wisdom
• Alcohol & Drug True Stories	• Rachel's Challenge
• Capturing Kids Hearts*	• Ripple Effects*
• Character Counts*	• SADD/Project Step*
• Character Development & Leadership	• Safe & Civil Schools Products
• Check and Connect	• SAPE Support Group
• Circle of Friends/Each One Save One	• START on Time!
• I-Time Curriculum	• TAP/TEG Protection & Risks*
• Life Skills Training (LST)*	• Teen Intervene*
• Olweus Bullying Prevention	• Teen Leadership
• PeaceBuilders*	• Teen Life Counts
• Peaceful Alternative to Tough Situations*	• The Leadership Program's Violence Prevention Project*
• Peers Making Peace	• Too Good for Drugs and Violence*
• Positive Action*	
• Project MAGIC (Making a Group and Individual Commitment)*	
• Project Northland Class Action*	
<i>*Classified as an evidence-based program (EBP), on the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) or What Works Clearinghouse.</i>	
Practices	
• Mental health services	

SUSTAINABILITY AND SCALING UP

- The Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) plans to continue to host the Annual School Climate Institute and to provide technical assistance on school climate to districts. Four of the eight LSSSI districts continue to operate using funds provided either by the local school board or other grant funds.
- Program briefs highlighting best practices from the LSSSI have been disseminated statewide to spread these efforts to other areas.
- The Louisiana state legislature established priorities for dealing with trauma and bullying. Additionally, LSSSI staff met with various LDE departments to integrate school climate as a critical piece of LDE policies and statewide efforts.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION S3 DEMOGRAPHICS

- Students served by project: 40,691
- Number of districts served: 8
- Number of schools served (as of final year): 42
 - 1 PK-12 school
 - 1 K-12 school
 - 36 high schools (five are either grades 6-12, 7-12, or 8-12)
 - 2 junior high schools
 - 2 career preparation academies
- Average school size: 969

Participating Districts	Participating Schools
1. Caddo	1. C.E. Byrd High School 2. Fair Park College Prep High School 3. Huntington High School 4. North Caddo High School 5. Northwood High School 6. Southwood High School
2. East Baton Rouge	7. Belaire High School 8. Broadmoor Senior High School 9. Glen Oaks Senior High School 10. Northeast High School 11. Tara High School 12. Valley Park School* 13. Woodlawn High School
3. Jefferson	14. Bonnabel Connections – Martyn Academy for Career Preparation* 15. Douglass Academy for Career Preparation* 16. Bonnabel Magnet Academy High School 17. East Jefferson High School 18. Grace King High School 19. Helen Cox High School 20. John Ehret High School 21. L.W. Higgins High School 22. West Jefferson High School
4. Lafayette	23. Acadiana High School 24. Alternative Instructional Model Academy (AIM)* 25. Carencro High School 26. Martyn Alternative School 27. O. Comeaux High School
5. Lafourche	28. Central Lafourche High School 29. Thibodaux High School
6. Plaquemines	30. Belle Chasse High School 31. Phoenix High School 32. South Plaquemines High School
7. Tangipahoa	33. Hammond High Magnet School 34. Independence High School 35. Jewel M. Sumner High School 36. Loranger High School 37. Ponchatoula High School
8. Terrebonne	38. Ellender Memorial High School 39. Evergreen Junior High School 40. H.L. Bourgeois High School 41. Houma Junior High School 42. Terrebonne High School

*This school has closed since the S3 grant concluded.

FURTHER DETAIL

- Louisiana state profile: <https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/state-profiles/louisiana>
- S3 Descriptive Study executive summary: <https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/state-grantees/safe-and-supportive-school-s3-grants>

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