



# Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Data at a Glance

A sampling of data from local evaluations (1999, 2000, and 2001 cohorts) indicate that the SS/HS Initiative is effective in creating safer schools and healthier students.

## School Safety Increased

- **Cicero, IL:** Gang-related incidents dropped from 81 to fewer than 9.
- **Flandreau, SD:** 41% decrease in drug violations and 75% decrease in alcohol violations.
- **Los Angeles, CA:** 72% of students indicated that SS/HS helped them take responsibility for their behavior; 68% reported they learned to say “no” when someone pressed them to do something that was not safe or good; 82% indicated a high sense of safety at school.
- **Poway, CA:** 70% decrease in middle school and 81% in high school students reporting they felt unsafe at school; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug 30-day use decreased overall (76% for inhalants) and on school property (71% for marijuana).
- **Springfield, OR:** 36% decrease in illegal weapons possession; 36% decrease in gang activity; and 9% decrease in use of illegal drugs and alcohol.
- **Toledo, OH:** Over 70% decrease in safety-related concerns among students.

## Discipline Referrals/Suspensions for Aggressive Behavior Decreased

- **Brooklyn, NY:** 42% decrease in suspensions.
- **Covington, KY:** 60% reduction in office referrals.
- **Leon County, FL:** Delinquency referrals declined to 5%--lower than the statewide rate.
- **Portland, OR:** 36% decrease in discipline referrals.
- **Redmond, OR:** 33% decrease in juvenile arrest rate.
- **Spokane, WA:** 27% decrease in school suspensions.
- **Springfield, OH:** 24% decrease in discipline referrals and 24% decrease in fighting.
- **Toledo, OH:** 60% decrease in expulsion rate.
- **Tyrone, PA:** 61% reduction in suspensions for middle and high school students.
- **Washington, DC:** Reductions of 31% in fighting, 19% in bullying, 28% in getting angry easily, 34% in acting impulsively, and 36% in disobeying rules.

## Academic Achievement Improved

- **Toledo, OH:** 73% and 52% increase in students passing 4th and 6th grade proficiency tests.
- **Westbury, NY:** Statistically significant improvement in academic achievement among SS/HS students as compared to non SS/HS students.

## Attendance Increased

- **Houston, TX:** 11% decrease in students reporting missing school due to safety concerns.
- **Pinellas County, FL:** 50% lower dropout rate for SS/HS students versus comparison group.
- **Redmond, OR:** 48% decrease in dropout rate.
- **Seattle, WA:** 30% decline in truancy.

## Programs Were Sustained after Grant Funds

- **Brooklyn, NY:** 70% of principals reported improved relationships with service providers and an intent to continue working with providers after the grant ended.
- **Covington, KY:** 11 out of 16 of the SS/HS Ready to Learn programs were sustained.
- **Utica, NY:** 31 out of 32 programs are still actively running in one or more schools.