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
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

TENESSEE
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