

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

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED TO IOWA (2010-2014): \$3,477,752

IA S3 PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Iowa Safe and Supportive Schools (IS3) grant primarily sought to reduce high rates of drug- and violence-related behavior in 21 high schools across 19 school districts. IS3 developed an annual school climate survey and worked with the districts and schools to use discipline, incident, and administrative data to choose and implement interventions for specific populations at the school level. Grant activities paid attention to State-, district-, and school-level improvements. Specifically, at the district and State levels, IS3 created a statewide school safety measurement system that enabled schools and districts to make data-based decisions regarding school safety. IS3 utilized a five-step process for school climate improvement among its school teams to maximize progress.

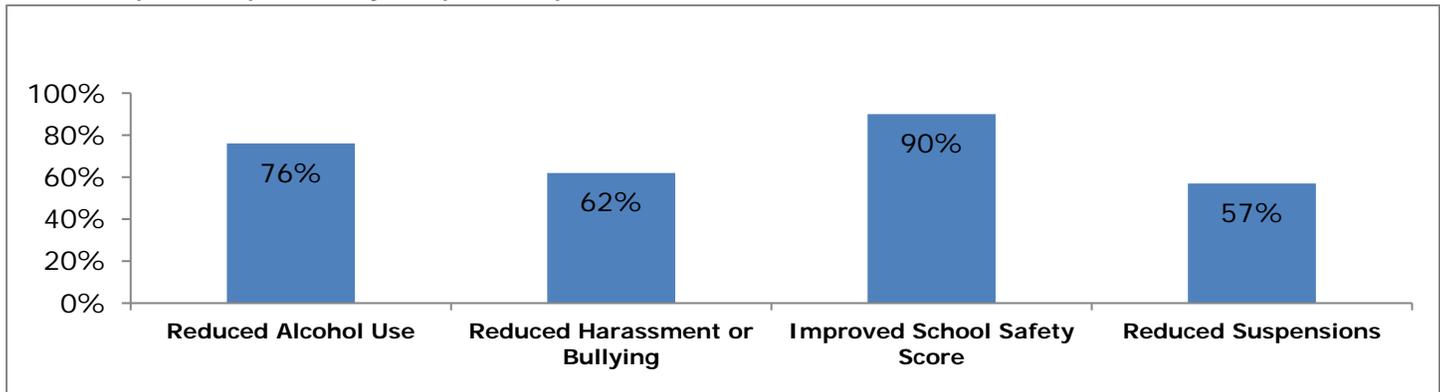
GOAL OF THE SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

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.

SUCCESSES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Percentage of fully implemented participating IA S3 schools that improved on GPRA measures, baseline (2010-11) to final year (2013-14)



- Over the course of the grant, attendance and graduation rates increased for the Iowa Safe and Supportive Schools (IS3) while dropout rates decreased.
- IS3 produced several videos, including one of a roundtable with students and Iowa's Lieutenant Governor where students shared how they wanted to improve their grants. There were also several student-produced videos to highlight and further the work of the project.
- IS3 developed multiple resources to support its work: the Continuum Mapping Guide that graphically documented student supports; five toolkits covering issues such as adult-student relationships, discipline, boundaries, and student-student relationships; an implementation checklist; and the IS3 Strategy Guide Quality Rubric.

DATA SOURCES

The IS3 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 through [Student Reporting in Iowa \(SRI\)](#).

School Climate Surveys

The IS3 administered the IS3 Conditions for Learning Surveys, which were created based on statistical analyses of the results from the [Iowa Youth Survey \(IYS\)](#) and the [Comprehensive School Climate Inventory \(CSCI\)](#). The IS3 Conditions for Learning Surveys were administered annually each spring from 2012-2014.

School Climate Safety Scores

The Iowa Safe and Supportive Schools (IS3) Index was comprised of three domains: safety, engagement, and environment. Each domain had data elements from survey constructs and administrative data with scores ranging from zero to three. The zero indicated intensive need for more positive conditions for learning while three indicated optimal conditions for learning.

INTERVENTION FRAMEWORKS, PROGRAMS, AND PRACTICES

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| Frameworks | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS)• Safe School Certification | |
| Programs | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys Town Education Model• Capturing Kids' Hearts*• Check and Connect*• Iowa S3 Continuous Improvement Process | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Olweus Bullying Prevention <p><i>*Classified as an evidence-based program (EBP), on the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) or What Works Clearinghouse.</i></p> |
| Practices | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acknowledgement systems (for students and parents)• At-risk programming• Connecting with students through conversation• Fierce Conversations training | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improvement to the physical environment• Mentoring programs• Positive acknowledgment• Relationship-building strategies |

SUSTAINABILITY AND SCALING UP

- Over the course of the grant, IS3 established two additional cohorts of schools that received training on improving school climate.
- The state held a Train the Trainer workshop for the toolkits produced by IS3. Thirty area education agency learning support consultants and other local education agency staff attended and continued to coach schools across the state on using IS3.
- IS3 was part of an effort to develop a statewide data system. This system is available to LEAs across the state to collect school climate survey data.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION S3 DEMOGRAPHICS

- Students served by project: 17,176
- Number of districts served: 19
- Number of schools served (as of final year): 21
 - 19 high schools
 - 1 junior/senior high school (grades 6-12)
 - 1 junior/senior high school (grades 7-12)
- Average school size: 818

| Participating Districts | Participating Schools |
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| 1. Armstrong-Ringsted | 1. Armstrong-Ringsted Middle School/High School* |
| 2. Burlington | 2. Burlington Community High School |
| 3. Columbus | 3. Columbus Community High School |
| 4. Council Bluffs | 4. Abraham Lincoln High School |
| 5. Davenport | 5. Central High School |
| 6. Des Moines Independent | 6. East High School |
| 7. Dubuque | 7. Dubuque Senior High School |
| 8. East Greene | 8. Grand Junction High School* |
| 9. Iowa Valley | 9. Iowa Valley Junior-Senior High School |
| 10. Keokuk | 10. Keokuk High School |
| 11. Louisa-Muscatine | 11. Louisa-Muscatine High School |
| 12. Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn | 12. Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn Community High School* |
| 13. Oelwein | 13. Oelwein High School |
| 14. Olin Consolidated | 14. Olin Junior-Senior High School* |
| 15. Ottumwa | 15. Ottumwa High School |
| 16. Sioux City | 16. West High School 17. North High School |
| 17. Waterloo | 18. East High School 19. West High School |
| 18. West Sioux | 20. West Sioux High School |
| 19. Winfield-Mt. Union | 21. Winfield-Mt. Union Junior-Senior High School |

* This school has closed since the S3 grant concluded.

FURTHER DETAIL

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

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