



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

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED TO KANSAS (2010-2014): \$2,422,880

KS S3 PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Kansas Safe and Supportive Schools (KS S3) “Continuum” grant primarily sought to reduce high rates of drug- and violence-related behavior in 30 high schools across 27 school districts and one Catholic diocese. KS S3 worked with the participating districts and schools to use annual school climate survey data – as well as discipline, incident, and other administrative data – to choose and implement interventions tailored to those districts’ and schools’ specific populations and needs. Grant activities provided interventions that encouraged student engagement and addressed bullying, violence prevention, alcohol and drug abuse, and other disruptive behaviors that hinder students’ ability to achieve academic success.

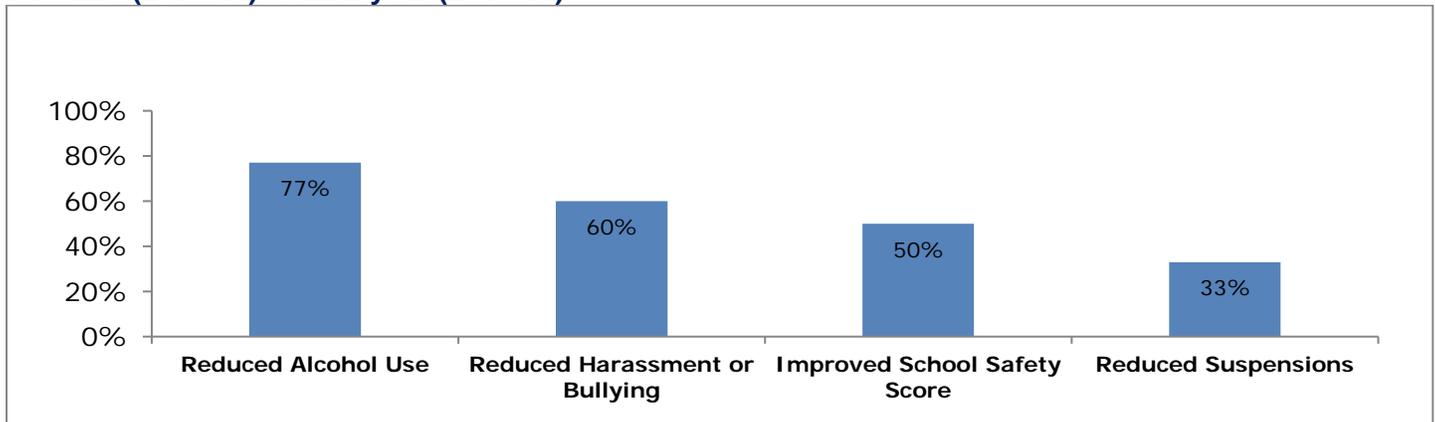
GOAL OF THE SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

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 KS S3 schools that improved on GPRA measures, baseline (2010-11) to final year (2013-14)



- KS S3 also analyzed the link between KS S3 data and academic achievement (i.e., reading and math assessments). Results showed a positive correlation between the overall CFL Index score, as well as each of its pillars, and average reading and math assessment scores.
- According to a Kansas University School of Social Welfare evaluation, 97 percent of school staff confirmed that they had learned new things about mental illness and felt more confident helping a child or adolescent with a mental health issue as a result of the Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) course.
- Two KS S3 schools were nationally recognized for their S3 Character Education programs.

DATA SOURCES

KS S3 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 data on suspensions, expulsions, and violence were collected through the [Kansas Discipline Incident System](#) (KAN-DIS), an online application used by all accredited KS public and private schools to provide information on discipline incidents.

School Climate Surveys

Kansas S3 administered three surveys annually between 2011 and 2014:

- [Kansas Communities That Care \(KCTC\) survey](#) (10th- and 12th-grade students)
- [Culture of Excellence & Ethics Assessment \(CEEA\) Survey](#) (staff and parents)
- [Kansas Learning Network](#) (KLN) Needs Assessment

School Climate Safety Scores

The Conditions for Learning (CFL) Index comprised 32 school climate and culture measures (student, staff, and parent surveys as well as behavioral incident data) across the four pillars of the KS S3 Climate Model: safety and healthy behaviors, academic engagement, social engagement, and environment. Scores were calculated separately each year and based on average responses that were calculated on a 5-point scale.

INTERVENTION FRAMEWORKS, PROGRAMS, AND PRACTICES

Frameworks	
• Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS)	
Programs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 Principles of Character Education* • 21st Century Skills • ACE Tobacco Cessation • Alcohol EDU* • Building Assets and Reducing Risks (BARR)* • Bullying Prevention • Class Action* • Drug/Alcohol Awareness Program • Leadership and Learning • LifeSkills* • Link Crew • LionsQuest* • MADD Power of Parents • Natural Helpers • Olweus Bullying Prevention Program • Positive Action* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power2Achieve • Project Stay • Project Success* • Rachel's Challenge • Reconnecting Youth (CAST)* • Ripple Effects* • SAFE (Seatbelts are for Everyone) • Safe and Civil Schools (CHAMPS/Foundations)* • Step Up to Safer Schools • Strengthening Families* • Teachers Involving Parents (TIP) • Teen Intervene* • Toward No Drug Abuse* • Upstander Alliance • Why Try • Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)
Practices	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-Tiered system of supports (MTSS) • Peer mentoring • Peer tutoring • Restorative practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service learning • Student incentives • Truant recovery
*Classified as an evidence-based program (EBP) on the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) or What Works Clearinghouse	

SUSTAINABILITY AND SCALING UP

- KS S3 provided direct technical assistance for the implementation of the Socio-Emotional Character Development (SECD) Standards adopted in 2012, [including curricular examples and sample lesson plans](#).
- The KS S3 project director was asked to be a part of the Governor's Mental Health Task Force. The task force's recommendations included: (1) providing Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) for educators, (2) increasing the number of school counselors, and (3) a licensure requirement for educators to document qualifications to recognize mental health issues and make referrals.

- KS S3’s footprint can be found under the “Responsive Culture” rubric of the newly adopted [21st Century Accreditation Model](#) of school accreditation, wherein school climate is being addressed as part of the statewide accountability system.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION S3 DEMOGRAPHICS

- Students served by project: 14,531
- Number of districts served: 27 (+1 Catholic diocese)
- Number of schools served (as of final year): 30
 - 25 high schools
 - 4 junior/senior high schools
 - 1 private high school
- Average school size: 484

Participating Districts	Participating Schools
1. USD 101	1. Erie High School
2. USD 214	2. Ulysses High School
3. USD 216	3. Deerfield High School
4. USD 224	4. Clifton-Clyde Senior High School
5. USD 229	5. Blue Valley Northwest High School 6. Blue Valley West High School
6. USD 240	7. Bennington High School
7. USD 250	8. Pittsburg High School
8. USD 257	9. Iola Senior High School
9. USD 258	10. Humboldt High School
10. USD 259	11. Wichita West High School
11. USD 268	12. Cheney High School
12. USD 286	13. Sedan High School
13. USD 331	14. Kingman High School 15. Norwich High School
14. USD 333	16. Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School
15. USD 340	17. Jefferson West High School
16. USD 348	18. Baldwin High School
17. USD 364	19. Marysville High School
18. USD 365	20. Anderson County Jr. and Sr. High School
19. USD 375	21. Circle High School
20. USD 378	22. Riley County High School
21. USD 383	23. Manhattan High School
22. USD 463	24. Udall High School
23. USD 477	25. Ingalls High School
24. USD 491	26. Eudora High School
25. USD 501	27. Highland Park High School
26. USD 504	28. Oswego Jr.-Sr. High School
27. USD 506	29. Labette County High School
28. Salina Catholic Diocese	30. Thomas More Prep - Marian

FURTHER DETAIL

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Grant holder: Kansas Department of Education

Web sites:

- [KS Conditions for Learning \(CFL\) index](#)
- [KS Safe Schools Hotline](#)
- [KS Safe School Resource Center](#)
- [KS School Climate and Culture Resources](#)
- [KS Statement of Nondiscrimination](#)
- [KS Resources \(specific documents collected and shared by the grant, as well as other Safe School resources\)](#)

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