



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

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED TO TENNESSEE (2010-2014): \$3,302,071

TN S3 PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Tennessee Safe and Supportive Schools (TN S3) grant primarily worked to reduce high rates of drug- and violence-related behavior in 81 schools across 20 school districts. TN S3 used annual school climate survey data and worked with the districts and schools to use discipline, incident, and administrative data to choose and implement interventions tailored to those districts' and schools' specific populations. Throughout the grant, TN S3 provided extensive training and technical assistance to schools to ensure successful implementation. This support was delivered in the form of onsite trainings, youth summits, and toolkit creation and dissemination. Grant activities paid special attention to developing strategies for the prevention of violence in schools, particularly for larger schools whose baseline school climate scores were much lower than smaller schools. TN S3 focused time and resources on improving systems for reporting incident-based and truancy data through a data dashboard. They also devoted tremendous supports to promoting youth engagement and empowering "youth voice" as part of the school climate improvement process.

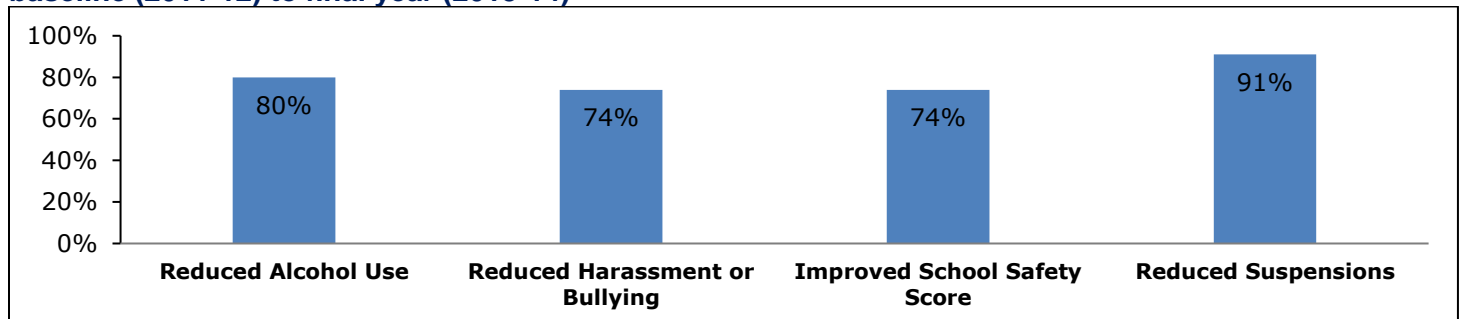
GOAL OF THE SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

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 TN S3 schools that improved on GPRA measures, baseline (2011-12) to final year (2013-14)*



*Each GPRA measure had different baseline and final comparison years. See full grantee profile for details.

- The Tennessee Safe and Supportive Schools (TN S3) expanded state student support efforts to increase infrastructure for school climate improvement efforts, including establishing the [Tennessee Center for School Climate](#), which supported districts' data analysis and evidence-based program selection.
- Several of the TN S3 districts had initiatives focused on improving relationships in schools, both among students and between students and staff. A few also used Restorative Justice Practices to help students learn from their mistakes and make amends.
- Training on school climate was provided not just to school staff, but also to district staff, students, community members, and parents.
- TN S3 also developed several learning modules, including a School Climate 101 Module, a Peer Mediation Module, and a School Resource Officer Module.

DATA SOURCES

The TN 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, attendance, truancy rate, suspension, and expulsion data were incorporated into a longitudinal data system developed with Race to the Top.

School Climate Surveys

The TN S3 administered its Tennessee School Climate student, parent, and teacher surveys annually each fall from 2011-2014.

School Climate Safety Scores

TN S3's school safety score, the Safe and Supportive Index (SSI), was calculated by combining survey, attendance, graduation, and disciplinary data matched to the major domains of the S3 framework to assign schools a score ranging from 0 to 100. SSI scores were calculated based on academic challenge and motivation (14 points); effective rules and sanctions (12 points); physical safety (12 points); freedom from substance use (10 points); freedom from bullying (10 points); supportive relationships with students (8 points), teachers (8 points), and school leadership (8 points); school connectedness (8 points); attendance rate (5 points); and percentage of student suspensions and expulsions (5 points).

INTERVENTION FRAMEWORKS, PROGRAMS, AND PRACTICES

Frameworks	
• Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS)	
Programs	
• 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens	• Move 2 Stand Bullying Prevention
• Alcohol Edu	• Olweus Bullying Prevention
• Capturing Kids Hearts	• Rachel's Challenge
• Check-In/Check-Out (Ci/Co)*	• STARS Student Assistance Program (SAP)
• Kick It Tobacco	• Why Try?
• Project Based Learning (supported by CASEL Collaborating Districts Initiative)	<i>*Classified as an evidence-based program (EBP), on the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) or What Works Clearinghouse.</i>
• Too Good for Drugs*	
Practices	
• Adventure-based learning	• Flex lunch
• Advisory	• Friend to Friend program
• Building relationships	• Restorative practices
• Celebration of differences	• Student-led Climate Crew
• Community engagement	

SUSTAINABILITY AND SCALING UP

- The Center for School Climate will continue to serve schools and districts beyond the life of the grant as a resource center. Its website houses an evidence-based program registry and the school climate measurement systems.
- TN S3 districts were required to establish a local sustainability plan to continue the project activities past the grant period.
- The Tennessee School Climate Survey also continues to be sustained beyond the grant period.

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION S3 DEMOGRAPHICS

- Students served by project: 91,771
- Number of districts served: 26
- Number of schools served (as of final year): 101
 - 98 high schools
 - 3 middle/high combined
- Average school size: 897

Participating Districts	Participating Schools
1. Alvin C York Institute	1. Alvin C. York Institute
2. Anderson County	2. Clinton High School 3. Anderson County High School
3. Campbell County	4. Campbell County High School 5. Jellico High School
4. Claiborne County	6. Claiborne High School 7. Cumberland Gap High School
5. Davidson County	8. Antioch High School 9. Cane Ridge High School 10. Glencliff High School 9. Hillwood High School 11. Hillsboro High School 12. Hume-Fogg High School 13. Hunters Lane High 14. John Overton High School 15. Maplewood High School 16. McGavock High School 17. Nashville School of the Arts 18. Stratford STEM Magnet 19. Pearl Cohn High School 20. Whites Creek High School
6. Dickson County	21. Creek Wood High School 22. Dickson County High School
7. Dyersburg City	23. Dyersburg High School
8. Franklin County	24. Franklin County High School 25. Huntland School
9. Gibson County Special School District	26. Gibson County High School 27. South Gibson County High School
10. Giles County	28. Giles County High School 29. Richland School
11. Greene County	30. Chuckey Doak High School 31. North Greene High School 32. South Greene High School 33. West Greene High School

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12. Hamilton County	34. Brainerd High School 35. Central High School 36. Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy 37. Chattanooga High Center for Creative Arts 38. Chattanooga High Center for Arts and Sciences 39. East Hamilton School 40. East Ridge High School 41. Hamilton County High School 42. Hixon High School 43. Howard School of Academics and Technology 44. Ivy Academy 45. Lookout Valley Middle/High School 46. Middle College High School at Chattanooga State Community College^ 47. Red Bank High School 48. Sale Creek Middle/High School 49. Sequoyah High School 50. Signal Mountain Middle/High School 51. Soddy Daisy High School 52. STEM High School 53. Tyner Academy
13. Hawkins County	54. Cherokee High School 55. Clinch School 56. Volunteer High School
14. Haywood County	57. Haywood County High
15. Henry County	58. Henry County High School
16. Kingsport City	59. Dobyms-Bennett High School
17. Knox County	60. Austin East High 61. Bearden High School 62. Carter High School 63. Dr. Paul L. Kelley Volunteer Academy 64. Farragut High School 65. Fulton High School 66. Gibbs High School 67. Halls High School 68. Hardin Valley Academy 69. Karns High School 70. L N STEM Academy 71. Powell High School 72. South Doyle High School 73. West High School
18. Lawrence County	74. Lawrence County High School 75. Loretto High School 76. Summertown High School
19. Lincoln County	77. Lincoln County High School 78. Lincoln County Ninth Grade Academy
20. Madison County	79. Jackson Central-Merry Early College High 80. Liberty Technology Magnet High School 81. Madison Academic Magnet High School 82. South Side High School

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21. Putnam County	83. Cookeville High School 84. Monterey High School 85. Upperman High School
22. Roane County	86. Harriman High School 87. Midway High School 88. Oliver Springs High School 89. Rockwood High School
23. Sumner County	90. Beech Sr. High School 91. Gallatin Senior High School 92. Hendersonville High School 93. Portland High School 94. Station Camp High School 95. White House High School
24. Trenton SSD	96. Peabody High School
25. White County	97. White County High School
26. Wilson County	98. Lebanon High School 99. Mt. Juliet High School 100. Watertown High School 101. Wilson Central High School

^ This school has changed names or merged with another school since the S3 grant concluded.

FURTHER DETAIL

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Grant holder: Tennessee Department of Education

Evaluation: TN S3 did not perform an implementation evaluation. However, EMT Associates constructed their survey and performed data collection and analysis. EMT was also a sub grantee on an IT contract to build the TN S3 dashboard (which is no longer operational).

Web site: <https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/school-climate.html>

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