

**Highlands County Schools
Safe and Drug-Free Schools (SDFS)
Program**

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Key 1

NYA not yet available
LEP limited English proficient

District Data

12,020 public school students
8% LEP students
55% on free/reduced lunch
56% White, 19% Black,
21% Hispanic, 4% Other
16 schools in district (PreK-12)

Project Goals

ATOD Prevention

By June 30, 2005, to decrease by 50% the number of ATOD-related discipline referrals per 1,000 students in grades K-12, as measured by 2004-2005 school discipline records. According to 1998-1999 school discipline records, there were 12 incidents of ATOD-related discipline referrals per 1,000 students in grades K-12.

By June 30, 2005, to increase by 2.5 years the mean age of first use of alcohol among students in grades 6-12, as measured by the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS). According to the 1999-2000 FYSAS, the mean age for first use of alcohol in grades 6-12 was 12.3 years.

By June 30, 2005, to decrease by 50% the number of students in grades 6-12 who report current use of cigarettes (past 30 days), as measured by the 2004-2005 FYSAS. According to the 2000 FYSAS, the percentage of students in grades 6-12 who reported current use of cigarettes (past 30 days) was 19.9%.

By June 30, 2005, to decrease by 50% the number of students in grades 6-12 who report current use of alcohol (past 30 days), as measured by the 2004-2005 FYSAS. According to the 2000 FYSAS, the percentage of students in grades 6-12 who reported current use of alcohol (past 30 days) was 33.3%.

Violence Prevention

By June 30, 2005, to decrease by 50% the number of discipline referrals for violent acts against persons per 1,000 students in grades 6-12, as measured by the 2004-2005 School Environmental Safety Incident Report (SESIR). According to 1999-2000 SESIR data, the number of incidents per 1,000 students of violent acts against persons for students in grades 6-12 was 7.15.

Key 2

- √ Proven Program
- ◆ Promising Program
- AP ATOD Prevention
- VP Violence Prevention
- PI Parent Involvement

SDFS Programs

- Project Success, √, AP, VP, PI
- Functional Family Therapy (FFT), √, AP, VP, PI

SDFS Collaborations

- Sheriff's Department-Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE), AP, VP

Safe and Drug Free Schools 2004-2005 District Profiles

- ALPHA Program [ALPHA is not an acronym], **AP, VP, PI**
- Local Elementary School-Conflict Mediation Program, **VP**
- Students' Alternative to Suspension (STATS) Program, **AP, VP, PI**