

Louisiana HEALTHY SCHOOLS

WHO ARE LOUISIANA HEALTHY SCHOOLS?

Louisiana Healthy Schools' aim is to improve student health and academic achievement through nutrition, physical activity and the management of students' chronic health conditions. In partnership with Well-Ahead Louisiana, Louisiana Healthy Schools utilizes the Whole School Whole Community Whole Child (WSCC) model as a framework for addressing health in schools. With [federal funding](#), the Louisiana Healthy Schools supports healthier schools through:

- strengthening **statewide infrastructure** through school health councils,
- delivering statewide **professional development**,
- providing **funding and technical assistance** to local educational agencies (LEA),
- **collaborating with non-governmental organizations** to complement and strengthen the work, and
- **collecting data** to inform decision making and evidence based strategies.



WHAT SUCCESS HAS LOUISIANA HEALTHY SCHOOLS HAD?

- 1. Increasing Access to Quality Professional Development**
Since 2016, the [Healthy Schools Training Krewe](#) has expanded to a 14 member cadre of expert trainers.
- 2. Assessment of Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)**
In 2019, the Department utilized the [YRBSS](#) to survey High School Students on health-related behaviors.
- 3. Delivered Quality Professional Development and Technical Assistance for LEAs Statewide**
 - a. 95% of Professional Development attendees report skill increase
 - b. Professional Development has reached over half the state
 - c. Technical Assistance has reached 1/3 of LEAs
- 4. By providing resources and technical assistance to Lafayette, they created the infrastructure to support water bottle filling stations for 11 schools. This project inspired State Representative Vincent Pierre to introduce a resolution during the recent Legislative session (HR-15) that calls upon the Louisiana Department of Education and the state Uniform Construction Code Council to “identify solutions and resources necessary to install water bottle filling stations during new construction and renovation projects at public and secondary schools.”**
Press Release: [LPSS to install water bottle filling stations in schools to improve wellness](#)

WHAT'S NEXT FOR LOUISIANA HEALTHY SCHOOLS?

The Department will focus on:

- Expanding the number of schools within funded LEAs that are building sustainable school health programs through school health councils, assessing current health practices, and implementation of action plans.
- Increasing the reach of the Healthy Schools Training Krewe's professional development and expand the offering of trainings to additional content areas (health education, asthma, diabetes, etc.).
- Utilizing process and outcome evaluation to develop a model of success for all LEAs and their schools to improve the health and academic achievement of Louisiana students.

