

2009-10 Safe Schools Appropriation Conference Report on House Bill 5001

The Legislature appropriates Safe Schools funds as a part of the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) in the annual Appropriations Act. FEFP funds go directly to school districts according to a formula based on the number of full-time equivalent students and additional factors that may be specified by proviso. The law governing how these funds are to be allocated and used for 2008-09 reads as follows *[formatting added]*:

From the funds in Specific Appropriations 5A and 76, \$67,260,840 is provided for Safe Schools activities and shall be allocated as follows:

\$65,387 shall be distributed to each district, and the remaining balance shall be allocated as follows:

- two-thirds based on the latest official Florida Crime Index provided by the Department of Law Enforcement and
- one-third based on each district's share of the state's total unweighted student enrollment.

Safe Schools activities include:

- (1) after school programs for middle school students;
- (2) other improvements to enhance the learning environment, including implementation of conflict resolution strategies;
- (3) alternative school programs for adjudicated youth;
- (4) suicide prevention programs; and
- (5) other improvements to make the school a safe place to learn.

Each district shall determine, based on a review of its existing programs and priorities, how much of its total allocation to use for each authorized Safe Schools activity.

-----Proviso Language, Specific Appropriation 76, pages 21,
Chapter 2009-081, Laws of Florida
http://laws.flrules.org/files/Ch_2009-081.pdf