

2009-10 Special Initiative Application Facts

WHO?

School Administrators, individual teachers or teacher teams, counselors, school teams, or teams of schools may apply.

WHY?

- ATOD AND Violence Prevention/ Intervention
- Georgia Student Health Survey II Results
- Unsafe School Choice Option Data
- Discipline Data

WHAT?

SDFS Special Initiatives are offered in the following two categories:

- Mini-Grants that range from \$200 - \$2000
- Cluster Grants that range from \$400 - \$4000

WHEN?

Electronic Applications are due to the Safe and Drug-Free Schools & Communities Program Office by September 11, 2009.

Projects should be submitted under one or more of the following categories.

1. Bully Prevention
2. Classroom Management
3. **Discipline**
 - Office Referrals
 - ISS/OSS
4. Training/Professional Development

Unsafe School Choice Option

- Felony Drugs Incidents
- Felony Weapon Incidents

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs

1. Prevention
 - Drug Use
 - Alcohol
 - Tobacco
 - Illicit Drugs
2. Intervention
 - Tobacco Cessation
 - Support Groups
 - Mentoring
 - Character Education
3. Training/Professional Development

Grants will be awarded by September 30, 2009. If you have questions or need additional information, call Peter Gaddis at 404-763-5600 ext. 130.

REMEMBER!

- Mini-Grants objectives must be aligned to the Georgia Student Health Survey II results, Unsafe Schools Choice Option and/or local school discipline data.
- Only electronic applications will be accepted. Submission Deadline on or before 9/11/2009.
- Application must first be submitted electronically to the principal for approval. Only principal approved applications are accepted in the Safe and Drug-Free Schools/Communities Program Office.
- The KISS principle – *Keep It Sweet and Simple* is important! Remember not all judges speak or understand “educationese.”
- Evaluation and feedback. The application is submitted with the agreement to monthly progress meetings, plus an end-of-the-year report, if the grant is funded. Evaluation and reporting of results are mandatory.
- Special Initiative funds cannot be used to purchase food, promotional items, entertainment or equipment.
- Collaboration with community and other staff is encouraged in an effort to yield broader results. Only 1 grant per school should be submitted for funding consideration.