

## **Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS)**

The Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Initiative is a federal collaborative grant program supported by three Federal agencies: U.S. Departments of Education, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, and Department of Justice. The purpose of the grant is to develop real-world knowledge to promote safe and healthy environments in which children can learn and develop through a comprehensive program that addresses the following six elements:

- A safe school environment
- Drug, alcohol and violence prevention and early intervention programs
- School and community mental health preventive and treatment services
- Early childhood psychosocial and emotional development services
- Collaboration between Oroville area school districts and community
- Safe school policies

### **Project Goals and Objectives:**

1. To improve and strengthen School Safety and Crisis Response Plans
2. To reduce substance abuse and violent behavior at school
3. To increase number of students receiving mental health services
4. To increase early childhood psychosocial and emotional development
5. To improve school attendance and youth involvement by supporting and connecting schools and community

Strategies include research-validated curriculums (All Stars, ART, and Second Step), youth-development activities, academic tutoring, truancy prevention, alcohol, drug, and violence prevention, mental health counseling, and school safety.