

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 17-member cadre of expert trainers. <http://wellaheadla.com/SchoolHealth#4201264-healthy-training-schools-krewe>

2. Assessment of School Health Policies and Practices

In fall 2017, the Department utilized the [School Health Profiles](#) to survey school health policies and practices in a sample of Louisiana schools. <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/profiles/index.htm>

3. Updated State Standards in Physical Education

In spring 2017, the Department released the [new physical education standards](#). These standards were developed by a group of practitioners and stakeholders with expertise in physical education and are unique to Louisiana.

<http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/academic-standards>

4. Healthy Schools Summit in New Orleans

In 2018, 77 school leaders attend [summit](#) on building a sustainable school health program. <http://wellaheadla.com/HealthyStart>

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.

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