



HEALTHY START PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

Healthy Start Communities build the villages it takes to support youth and their families.

Historical Background: The Healthy Start Support Service For Children Act (Senate Bill 620, Presley, 1991) is a statewide initiative placing comprehensive support services for children and families at school sites. Healthy Start provides school sites the opportunity to provide “one step” or wrap-around service/programs in collaboration with community stakeholders based on population need.

Local Education Agencies (LEA's) receive grants ranging from \$50,000 for one-two year planning grants to a maximum of \$400,000 over a three-five year period for operational grants.

What is the Healthy Start Program?

- The goal of Healthy Start is to produce measurable improvements in outcomes for students and their families in the areas of school attendance and performance, physical and social health indicators, and family functioning.
- Healthy Start sites offer an array of opportunities, supports, programs and services based upon the needs of the populations served.

Local Healthy Start Initiatives are redesigning service systems to be:

- Accountable
- Accessible
- Comprehensive
- Family Focused
- Integrated
- Locally Controlled
- Preventive
- Reformed Centered

Activities within SFUSD and SHPD that support the Healthy Start Initiative:

- Comprehensive School Health Programs
- Expanded Learning Coordinators
- Healthy Start Coordinators Meetings
- Matching and Sustainability Funds
- School District Nurses
- Technical Assistance Grant Writing Workshops

Current Status: The Healthy Start Initiative is currently at the following school sites:

- Mission High, Planning
- LR Flynn Elementary, Operational
- Burbank Middle, Operational
- Bryant Elementary, Operational
- Denman Middle, Operational
- Francisco Middle, Operational
- GR Davis/21st Century Academy, Operational

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