

2005-06 Safe Schools Appropriation Proviso Language

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, for Safe Schools funds, additional factors specified by proviso. The law governing how these funds are to be used appears as proviso language in the Appropriations Act. The proviso for 2005-06 reads:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 73, \$75,350,000 is provided for Safe Schools activities and shall be allocated as follows: \$50,000 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; and (4) 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.

--Line Item 73 of the Conference Committee Report on SB 2600, Enrolled Chapter 2005-70, Laws of Florida