Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible to apply for a grant?
   Any 501–c3 organization, government agency, individual school or school district that provides school-based health programs or services at schools located inside our geographic boundaries.

2. Which major school districts are located within SHD boundaries?
   The school districts are: Belmont-Redwood Shores, San Carlos, Redwood City, Woodside Elementary, Portola Valley, Menlo Park City, Las Lomitas, and Sequoia Union.

3. What are the Healthy Schools Initiative’s priority funding areas?
   This cycle’s priority focus areas are: mental health, physical activity/physical education and family and community engagement.

4. What areas will NOT be funded?
   The Healthy Schools Initiative will not provide a grant for program services that take place outside of a school setting. We will also not fund capital equipment, building construction, or vehicles.

5. Can the District fund an organization that is located outside the district boundaries?
   Yes, if services are provided at schools within our boundaries or if our residents travel to schools outside our borders to access those services.

6. What is the maximum size grant?
   This year, the maximum grant is $50,000.

7. May an organization apply for and receive more than one grant?
   An organization may apply for up to 3 grants, but may only be funded for two. Each application must be for a separate program.

8. May we partner with other organizations to submit a joint application?
   We welcome collaborative applications, especially if the proposed collaboration will maximize benefits and reduce costs.

9. Are all grants annual or can we ask for a multi-year funding?
   All grants are annual. You may reapply for the same grant on an annual basis, but you must reapply annually.

10. How much of our grant can be used for general administration or overhead expenses?
    The District restricts these expenses to no more than 15 percent of your grant.