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Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools (OSDFS) has awarded [Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools](#) (REMS) grants. REMS, a discretionary grant program that requires equitable participation of private school students and teachers, enables public school districts to improve plans that address all four phases of emergency management: prevention-mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Public school districts that receive grants are required to provide for the equitable participation of students and teachers in private schools that are located in their districts. Before any decision is made that affects the opportunities of eligible private school students and teachers to participate, public school districts must engage in timely and meaningful consultation with private school officials during the design and development of the program. They must also ensure that grant program activities and services address the needs of private school students within the scope of the program.

Additional Information

Grants were awarded to 98 public school districts in 28 states. Thus, only districts that applied for a grant were required to address this program during the consultation process. Only those public school districts receiving grant awards are required to provide equitable services to private school students and teachers. Visit the REMS website to see the list of public school districts that received [FY 2010 Awards for REMS](#). To view awards given in previous years follow this [link](#).

Additional information about REMS and other programs is located on the [OSDFS](#) website.

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Bullying Prevention Summit

The U.S. Department of Education recently convened the first-ever National Summit on Bullying. The summit gathered a range of non-government organizations, corporate leaders, and state and local officials, as well as the members of the Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention Working Group.

"Bullying is undeniable," Secretary Arne Duncan explained, dispelling multiple myths about bullying. "It has a common definition, and a legal definition in many states. Effective prevention programs work to reduce bullying. And bullying is very much an education priority that goes to the heart of school performance and school culture."

Additional Information

A section on the [Find Youth Info](#) web site contains a "one-stop" site for parents, educators, and community members seeking federal resources on [bullying](#). In addition, the Department of Education has stepped up its efforts to address bullying to include a new \$27 million Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) grant program, a pilot that will enable states to measure school safety at the building level and to provide federal funds for interventions in those schools with the greatest needs.

For more information about this program and the equitable participation of private school students and teachers, visit [Safe and Supportive Schools](#).

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