

## **Title IV, Part A: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities**

The purpose of Title IV, Part A is to support programs that prevent violence in and around schools; that prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs; that involve parents and communities; and that are coordinated with related Federal, State, school, and community efforts and resources to foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports student academic achievement.

Title IV, Part A funds in Wilson County Schools help fund STARS (Students Taking a Right Stand) in our middle and high schools. STARS is a school-based student assistance program serving middle Tennessee. Part-time STARS counselors serve our students by helping schools tackle tough issues that threaten the emotional, psychological and academic well-being of students - issues such as substance abuse, violence, bullying, harassment, family conflicts and divorce, loss, grief, and other concerns. Through assemblies, classroom presentations, and group or individual counseling sessions, STARS Nashville assists schools in preventing and confronting these difficult challenges. Additionally, SDFS program evaluation results are public domain and available by contacting Sharon Warren, Project Director, at Wilson County Schools 444-3282 Ext. 7291 or [warrens@wcschools.com](mailto:warrens@wcschools.com)

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