

THE LO\$ ANGELE\$ POLICE DEPARTMENT PRE\$ENT\$ \$TOP HATE AND RE\$PECT EVERYONE (\$.H.A.R.E) TOLERANCE

Background

The Stop Hate and Respect Everyone (S.H.A.R.E.) Tolerance program was developed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and their partners to combat and reduce hate crimes. The Sheriff's S.H.A.R.E. program targets an audience of ninth and tenth graders. The Los Angeles Police Department, Hate Crimes Unit, adopted and customized the S.H.A.R.E. program for a younger audience of fourth – eighth grade students, an age category where students are most impressionable. Our goal is to prevent our youth from committing hate crimes and learning the importance of respecting and accepting each others' differences. Ideally, these students will have the ability to share what they learned in the S.H.A.R.E. program and pass it on to their peers as they move up into junior high and high school. They will have the ability to react to situations and make better decisions based on the instruction they receive in this program. Additionally, the SHARE Tolerance Program is also being presented to the students' parents.

Summary

To date, the Hate Crimes Unit has completed S.H.A.R.E. presentations at the following schools:

- June 2010-Excel Charter Academy (Hollenbeck Area) to 74 eighth graders;
- September 2010-135th Street School (Southeast Area), 180 fourth and fifth graders and the 135th Parents' School Advisory Board.
- October 2010-Excel Charter Academy (Hollenbeck Area) 231 sixth through eighth graders.
- January 2011-Transfiguration & Immaculate Conception Catholic Schools- 4th 8th grade
- March-April 2011- Windsor Hills Math and Science Magnet School, 4th 8th grade

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