

# GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Funding for this program is provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant–CARES Act Program, administered by the Mississippi Development Authority.



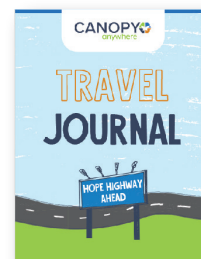
**CANOPY**  
Children's Solutions

## WHAT IS

**CANOPY**  
anywhere

Canopy Anywhere is a first-of-its-kind in-school option for youth mental wellness. Developed around the evidence-based Science of Hope, Canopy Anywhere is an approach designed for students in grades 6–12.

- **Parental Controls:** Parents have the option to opt-out of this program for their students at any time. Parents/Guardians will receive a weekly email with a link to access the content of each lesson. **Parental consent is required for all mental health assessments and services.**
- **Weekly Wellness Curriculum:** Students receive weekly lessons that are centered on building healthy skills for goal setting, identifying pathways to reach their goals and maintaining the willpower to keep working on their goals.
- **Accessing Canopy Anywhere:** Each week's 10-minute lesson can be accessed via a secure Canopy Anywhere platform that will email each lesson to students on their school device. Students will also have access to the curriculum in a workbook form to ensure every student can access the curriculum.
- **HOPE Scale Screener:** A validated tool that measures a student's confidence in reaching goals and finding ways forward. Students periodically complete the HOPE Scale Screener during the Canopy Anywhere curriculum. This screener consists of the same six questions every time it is taken. **Click here to view the HOPE Scale Questions.**
- **Low HOPE Check In:** If a student scores low on the Hope Scale screener, the school counselor will be notified to check in with the student.
- **In-Person Mental Health Assessments & Support (PARENTAL CONSENT REQUIRED):** Once the school counselor checks in with the student and determines further support is needed, the school counselor will contact the parent/guardian to notify and obtain parental consent to refer the student to the in-school mental health therapist for assessment and services. **Parental consent is required.** (Mental health assessments and services provided by the in-school therapist are funded by the grant.)
- **Commitment to Safety & Privacy:** Canopy strictly follows HIPAA requirements, ensuring the highest level of confidentiality and security for every child and family served. The Canopy Anywhere platform is fully FERPA & HIPAA compliant and protected.



**HOPE** IS THE BELIEF THAT YOUR FUTURE CAN BE  
BRIGHTER THAN YOUR PAST AND THAT **YOU**  
HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!



# NAVIGATING THE HOPE HIGHWAY

The Hope Highway is a research-based, student-friendly approach that uses a road-trip metaphor. Students are "in the driver's seat," learning to choose a destination (**goal**), plan routes (**pathways**), and manage their fuel (**willpower**).

Short, weekly "Mile Markers" guide students through bite-sized lessons and reflections. Visual guide signs cue when to enter, exit, or adjust course on the Hope Highway. Periodic check-ins with The Hope Scale help students, and educators, track growth in real time. Each step is designed to build resiliency, reducing future need for mental health intervention or services.

## CURRICULUM TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Your Hope Engine (a.k.a. Your Brain!)
- Identifying Goals
- Establishing Pathways to Meet Goals
- Maintain Willpower
- Can-do Mindset
- Nutrition
- Movement
- Sleep
- Self-Esteem
- Gratitude
- Substance Use
- Resilience
- Healthy Conflict
- Bullying

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS

School district eligibility is based on a Low-to-Moderate-Income (LMI) requirement set forth by the grant requirements through U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 29 school districts deemed eligible for this grant include:

- Biloxi Public School District
- Claiborne County School District
- Clarksdale Municipal School District
- Coahoma County School District
- Corinth School District
- East Tallahatchie Consolidated School District
- Greenville Public School District
- Greenwood-Leflore Consolidated School District
- Gulfport School District
- Hattiesburg Public School District
- Holmes Consolidated School District
- Humphreys County School District
- Jackson Public School District
- McComb School District
- Meridian Public School District
- Natchez-Adams School District
- North Bolivar Consolidated School District
- North Panola School District
- North Tippah School District
- Quitman County School District
- South Delta School District
- Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District
- Sunflower County Consolidated School District
- Tunica County School District
- West Bolivar Consolidated School District
- West Tallahatchie School District
- Wilkinson County School District
- Winona-Montgomery Consolidated District
- Yazoo City Municipal School District

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